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CHARLES the Second; Char. 2.
 By the Grace of God, of
England, Scotland, France,
and Ireland, King, Defen-
 der of the Faith, &c. To all those to
 whom these Our present Letters-
 Patents shall come, Greeting. We
 have look'd over the Letters-Patents of
 Our famous Predecessor the Lady Eliz. Eliz.
abeth late Queen of *England*, about
 Confirmation, according to these words,
 viz. *Elizabeth*, by the Grace of God, of
England, France, and Ireland, Queen,
 Defender of the Faith, &c. To all those
 to whom these present Letters-Patents
 shall come, Greeting. We have look'd

- Mar. over the Letters-Patents of the Lady
Mary, late Queen of *England*, Our
 dearly beloved Sister, about Confirmation,
 made according to these words:
Mary, by the Grace of God, of *Eng-
 land*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Queen, De-
 fender of the Faith, and upon Earth of
 the Church of *England* and *Ireland*,
 Supream Head, To all those to whom
 our present Letters-Patents shall come,
 Greeting. We have look'd upon the
- Edw. 6. Letters-Patents of *Edward VI.* Lord,
 late King of *England*, Our Brother,
 about Confirmation, made according to
 these words: *Edward VI.* by the Grace
 of God, of *England*, *France*, and *Ire-
 land*, King, Defender of the Faith, and
 upon Earth of the Church of *England*
 and *Ireland* Supream Head, To all those
 to whom Our present Letters-Patents
 shall come, Greeting. We have look'd
- Hen. 8. upon the Letters-Patents of *Henry VII.*
 Lord, late King of *England*, Our most
 dear Father, about Confirmation, made
 according to these words, *Henry*, by the
 Grace of God, King of *England* and
France, and Lord of *Ireland*, To all
 those to whom these present Letters-
 Patents shall come, Greeting. We
 have look'd upon the Letters-Patents
 of

of *Henry*, Lord, late King of *England*, Hen. 7.
 Our Father, about Confirmation, made
 according to these words: *Henry*, by
 the Grace of God, King of *England*
 and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*,
 To all those to whom these pre-
 sent Letters shall come, Greeting.
 We have look'd upon the Charter of
Edward IV. Lord, late King of *Eng-
 land*, made since the Conquest, accor-
 ding to these words: *Edward*, by the Edw. 4.
 Grace of God, King of *England* and
France, and Lord of *Ireland*, To the
 Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors,
 Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sher-
 riffs, Chief Officers, and to all Bai-
 liffs and faithful Subjects, Greeting.
 We have look'd upon the Charter of
 Confirmation of *Richard II.* Lord, late
 King of *England*, since the Conquest,
 made according to these words: *Richard*, Rich. 2.
 by the Grace of God, King of *Eng-
 land* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*,
 To all those to whom Our present
 Letters shall come, Greeting. We
 have look'd upon the Charter of Con-
 firmation of *Edward*, Lord, late King
 of *England* Our Grandfather, accor-
 ding to these words: *Edward*, by the
 A 3. Grace

- Edw. 3. Grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland* and *Aquitain*, To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons Justices, Sheriffs, Head-Officers, and to all Bailiffs and faithful Subjects, Greeting. We have look'd upon the Charter of *Edward*, Lord, late King of *England*, Our Father, according to these words : *Edward*, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Head-Officers, and to all Bailiffs, and faithful Subjects, Greeting. We have look'd upon the Charter which *Edward*, Lord, late King of *England*, Our Father, granted to the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, according to these words : *Edward*, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Head-Officers, and to all Bailiffs, and faithful Subjects, Greeting. Know ye, that for the faithful Service which Our Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* have hitherto paid to
Our
- Edw. 2.
- Edw. 1.

Our Predecessors the Kings of *England*,
 and to Us lately in Our Army in *Wales*,
 and for their good Service to be conti-
 nued for the future faithfully to Us and
 to Our Heirs the Kings of *England*,
 We have granted and confirmed by this
 Our Charter for Us and Our Heirs, to
 the same Our Barons, and their Heirs,
 all their Liberties and Acquittances, so The Li-
 that they may be free from all Toll, berties
 and from all Custom, viz. from all and Ac-
 Lastage, Tallage, Passage, Carriage, quitan-
 Riverage, Bridg-toll, and all Wreck, ces, viz.
 and from all Sale, as their Achat and
 Reachat through Our whole Land and
 Dominion, with Soc and Sac, Thol
 and Them, and that they may have In-
 sangtheff, and be Wreckfree, and Witt-
 free, Lastage-free, and * Lovecope-
 free, and that they may have Den. and
 Strond at *Great Yarmouth*, according
 to what is contained in an Ordinance
 by Us thereupon made, and for ever to
 be observed; and also that they be quit
 from Customs to be done to Shires and
 Hundreds; so that if any one brings
 an Action against them, they shall not
 Answer nor Defend themselves other-
 wise than they used to do in the time
 of *Henry*, Lord, Our Great Grandfa-
 ther,

ther; as also that they may have what-
 ever they find by Sea and Land, and
 that they be quit as to all their Goods
 and Merchandising, as Our Free-men;
 and that they have their due Respects
 at Our Court, and their Liberties
 through Our Dominions wheresoever
 they shall come; and that in all their
 Lands which they were possessed of in
 the time of the Lord *Henry*, Our Father,
viz. in the Forty fourth year of his
 Reign, they be quit for ever from the
 General Summons before Our Itinerate
 Justices, at what Pleas soever, in what-
 soever Counties their said Lands be, as
 also they shall not be bound to appear
 before Our Justices aforesaid, unless
 any of the Barons sue any Man, or be
 sued by any. And that they shall not
 be Impleaded but where they ought,
 and are wont to be, *viz.* at *Shepwey*;
 And that for the rest of their Liber-
 ties and Acquittances, they have them
 as well, fully and honorably, as they
 and their Predecessors had them here-
 tofore by their Charters in the times of
 the Kings of *England*, *Edward*, *William*
the First and *the Second*, King *Henry* Our
 Great-Grandfather, and of *Henry* Lord
 the King Our Father, as those Charters
 which

Shepwey.

which Our said Barons have from
 thence, and which We have look'd up-
 on, do reasonably testifie. And We
 forbid any one to disturb them or their
 Trading upon pain of the forfeiture of
 Ten pounds to Us, provided that if
 the Barons be defective in doing and
 taking Justice, that the Warden of the
Cinque-Ports to Us and Our Heirs for the
 time being, shall enter upon their Ports,
 and Liberties upon default of the said
 Barons to do full Justice there; Provi-
 ded always that the said Barons and
 their Heirs shall pay to Us and Our
 Heirs the Kings of *England* every year,
 the full Service of Fifty seven Ships at
 their own Cost, for fifteen days, at the
 Summons of Us or Our Heirs. We have
 likewise granted to them of Our spe-
 cial Grace, that they may have ut-
 fangtheff in their Lands within the ^{Ut fang-}
 Ports aforesaid, like as Arch-Bishops, ^{theff.}
 Bishops, Abbots, Earls and Barons have
 in their respective Mannors in the
 County of *Kent*: And that they shall
 not be Impannel'd upon Assizes, or Ju-
 ries, or any Recognizances by reason ^{Not be}
 of their Foreign Tenure against their ^{Impan-}
 Will: And that of their own Wines in ^{nel'd up-}
 which they Traffick, they shall be quit ^{on As-}
 from ^{sizes.}

Right-
Price of
Wine.

Giving
in Ma-
riage.

from Our Right-Price, *viz.* of one Pipe of Wine before the Mast, and another behind the Mast: And We have further granted to the said Barons for Us and Our Heirs, that they shall have this Liberty for ever, *viz.* that We or Our Heirs shall not have the Guardianship, or Giving in Marriage their Heirs upon the account of their Lands which they hold within the Liberties and Ports aforesaid, for which they pay their aforesaid Service, and for which We or Our Predecessors had not the Guardianship, and giving in Marriage in times past: But the aforesaid Confirmation of the Liberties and Acquittances aforesaid, and other Grants following, We of Our special Grace have caus'd to be renew'd to them; Provided always in all things there be nothing prejudicial to his Majesties Dignity, to Us, and to Our Heirs, or hurtful to the Priviledges of Our Crown, Life, and Members. Wherefore We Will, and firmly Command for Us and Our Heirs, that the Barons aforesaid for ever enjoy all their Liberties and Acquittances aforesaid, according as the Charters aforesaid do reasonably testify: And that of Our special Grace they may

may have *Utsangtheff* in their respective *Utsang-*
 Lands within the Ports aforesaid, af- *theff.*
 ter the same manner as Arch-Bishops,
 Bishops, Abbots, Earls, and Barons
 have in their respective Mannors in the
 County of *Kent*: And that they shall
 not put in the Assizes, Juries, or any
 Recognizances upon the account of their
 Forreign Tenure, against their Will;
 And that in their own Wines in which
 they Traffick, they shall be quit from
 Our Right-Price, *viz.* of one Pipe of
 Wine before the Mast, and another be-
 hind the Mast: And that in like man-
 ner they may for ever enjoy the Liber-
 ty aforesaid, *viz.* That We or Our
 Heirs shall not have the Guardianship
 or Giving in Marriage their Heirs, upon
 the account of their Lands which they
 hold within the Liberties and Ports
 aforesaid, for which they pay their
 aforesaid Service, and for which We
 or Our Predecessors had the Guardian-
 ship, or Giving in Marriage in times
 past: But the aforesaid Confirmation
 of the Liberties and Acquitances aforesaid,
 and other Our Grants following,
 We of Our special Grace have caus'd
 to be renew'd to them; Provided al-
 ways in all things there be nothing pre-
 judicial

judicial to his Majesties Dignity, to Us, and to Our Heirs, or hurtful to the Priviledges of Our Crown, Life, and Members, as aforesaid, Witnesses hereunto being the Reverend Father *Robert Portunensis* Bishop, Cardinal of the Holy See of Rome, Frier *William de South*, Provincial Prior of the Fryer Preachers in England, *William de Valentia* our Uncle, *Roger de Mortuo Mari*, *Roger de Clifford*, Mr. *Walter Stamell* Dean of *Salisbury*, Mr. *Robert Scarborough* Arch-Deacon of the East-Ridings, Mr. *Robert Sexton*, *Bartholomew de Southley*, *Thomas de Wayland*, *Walter de Hopton*, *Thomas de Normannel*, *Stephen de Pencestre*, *Francis de Bonona*, *John de Levetot*, *John de Mettingham*, and others.

Given under Our Hand at Westminster the Seventeenth day of June, in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

This Charter, before the Signing thereof, was by the Kings command openly read in the presence of the abovenamed Witnesses and others of Our Council then present, and was heard, examined, and agreed upon in the form above-written. We have also

so look'd upon the Letters-Patents
 which the same Our Father made to the
 Barons aforesaid after these words, *Ed-*
ward, by the Grace of God, King of
England, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke
 of *Aquitain*, To all Bailiffs and faith-
 ful Subjects, to whom these present
 Letters shall come, Greeting. Know
 ye, that for the faithful Service which
 Our Trusty and Well-beloved Barons,
 and other Our Honest Men of the
Cinque-Ports have hitherto paid to Us,
 and Our Progenitors the former Kings
 of *England*, and shall pay for the fu-
 ture, We have granted to them for
 Us and Our Heirs, that they and their
 Heirs the Barons of the said Ports shall
 for the future be ever free from all Tal-
 lages and Subsidies to be paid to Us and
 Our Heirs out of the whole or any part
 of their own proper Ships. We have
 also granted to the same Barons and
 Men for us and Our Heirs, That con-
 cerning the lawful things and Commo-
 dities which they in due manner shall
 buy within Our Dominion of *Ireland*, Com-
 no one may be their Partners in those modi-
 Things and Commodities, nor partake tics in
 with them in any wise against the Will *Ireland*.
 of the same Barons and Men. We
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Giving
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have further granted for Us, and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyeth, to the Barons and Trusty Persons aforesaid, That all and every of them born within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, although they have Lands or Tenements without the Liberties of the said Ports, which are held by such a Service as the Giving in Marriage upon the account of their being under Age, which belongs to Us and Our Heirs, according to the Law and Custom of Our Realm. Nevertheless, according to the Liberty of the Ports, they may Marry themselves without the let or impediment of Us or Our Heirs for ever, any Right to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And therefore we charge you, and every of you, that ye molest not, or disturb the Barons and Persons aforesaid in any thing contrary to these Our Grants. In witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents, Witness Our Self at *St. Albans* the Twenty eighth day of *April*, in the Twenty sixth year of Our Reign.

We have also look'd upon some other Letters-Patents which Our said Father granted to the above-named
Barons

Barons, after these words, *Edward*, by the Grace of God King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To all those to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. Taking into consideration that the Navy of Our *Cinque-Ports* cannot be maintained without great Charge and Expences, lest the said Navy should fail or decay for the future, We have granted for Us and Our Heirs, That all the Members of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and all other Advocants whatsoever that are willing to enjoy the Liberties of the same, do contribute, (*viz.*) every one according to his abilities, to do Service to Us and Our Heirs with their Navy, whensoever they shall be commanded by Us and Our Heirs. In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at St. *Albans* the Twenty eighth day of *April*, in the Twenty sixth year of Our Reign.

And we Ratifying the Grants and Confirmations aforesaid, do grant and confirm them to be well pleasing to us and Our Heirs as much as in us lyeth, for the Barons aforesaid of the *Cinque-Ports*, their Heirs and Successors, for their

their good and faithful Service which they have hitherto paid to us, and shall pay for the future, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably testify. And We further willing to do the said Barons a greater kindness, have given and granted to them, for Us and Our Heirs, That although they have not hitherto enjoyed any one or more of their Liberties and Priviledges contained in the said Charters and Letters, yet the said Barons, their Heirs and Successors, may use and enjoy their Liberties and Priviledges aforesaid, and every of them, without the let of Us or Our Heirs, or Our Officers whatsoever. Witnes hereunto, the Reverend Fathers, *William* Bishop of *Worcester*, *J.* Bishop of *Bath and Wells*, and *W.* Bishop of *Exeter*, *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hereford*, *John de Bri-
sann.* Earl of *Richmond*, *Adam de Van-
demia* Earl of *Pembroke*, *Hugh de le
Spencer*, *Robert* Son of *Pagan*, *Edmund
de mase Lacu*, Steward of Our Houshld, and others.

Given under Our Hand at *Westmin-
ster* the Twenty sixth day of *July*,
in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

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We making Good the Grants and Confirmations aforesaid, do Ratifie, and by the Tenour of the Presents confirm them to be well pleasing to Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lies, for the aforesaid Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, their Heirs and Successors, for the good and faithful Service hitherto paid to Us and Our Progenitors, and for the future to be paid to Us and Our Heirs, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably testify. And further willing to do to the aforesaid Barons a greater kindness, We have granted for Us and Our Heirs to the same Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, That although they or their Predecessors hitherto have not fully enjoyed any one or more of their Liberties and Acquittances contained in the Charters and Letters aforesaid, yet the said Barons, their Heirs and Successors, may fully enjoy, for ever make use of their Liberties and Acquittances aforesaid, without any let or impediment of Us, Our Heirs, or any of Our Officers whatsoever. The Witness hereunto are the Reverend Fathers, S. Bishop of *Ely*, Lord Chancellor, J. Bishop of *Bath and Wells*, Our Treasurer, *Lionel Duke*

Duke of Clarence, John Duke of Lancaster, Edmund Earl of Kent, Our most dear Sons; Edward de le Spencer, Guy de Brian, John Atley, Steward of Our Household, and others.

Given under Our Hand at Westminster the First day of July in the Thirty eighth Year of Our Reign.

We have also look'd upon the Letters-Patents of the same Our Grandfather after these words, *Edward*, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, To all those to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We have look'd upon Our Charter of Confirmation, which We lately made to the Barons of Our *Cinque-Ports*, under the Seal which We then used, after these words, *Edward*, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, To all those to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We have look'd upon Our Charter of Confirmation, which we lately made under the Seal which We then used, to the Barons of Our *Cinque-Ports*, after these words: *Edward*, by the Grace of God, King
of

of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To all those to whom these present Letters shall come Greeting. We have look'd upon the Letters-Patents which the Lord *Edward*, of famous Memory, late King of *England*, Our Grandfather, made according to these words: *Edward*, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To all those to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We considering that the Navy of the *Cinque-Ports* cannot be sustained without great Costs and Charges, lest the Navy for the future should fail or decay, We have granted for Us and Our Heirs, That all the Members of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and other Advocants and Resiants whatsoever in the Liberties of the same, do contribute, (*viz.*) every of them according to their abilities, for the doing the Service with their Ships to Us and Our Heirs, whenever by Us or Our Heirs they shall be commanded thereunto. In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *St. Albans* the 28 day of *April*, in the 26 Year of Our Reign.

And

And we Ratifying the Grant aforesaid, do grant and confirm it to be well pleasing to Us and Our Heirs, as the aforesaid Letters do reasonably testify: And because about those general words contained in the Letters aforesaid, viz. (that every one contribute according to his Abilities) there have risen in former times divers dissensions; That the Barons of the Ports aforesaid may the more commodiously pay their aforesaid Service to Us and Our Heirs at fit times, We have given and granted, by the Advice of Our Prelates, Earls, and Barons, and the Commons of Our Realm assembled together in Our present Parliament, to the said Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, that all the Members of the said Ports, and all Advocants and Resiants whatsoever in the Liberties of the same, contribute to the Navy and Service aforesaid, to be kept and maintained out of all their Goods and Chattels, as well those that are without the Liberty of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, as within, and may be compelled thereunto by the Mayors and Jurats of the Ports aforesaid, and also, if need be, by the Constable of Our Castle

Castle of *Dover* : And that the Goods The
 and Chattels of the said Barons, and Goods
 others, as well without the said Liber- of Ad-
 ties, as within, which are taxed for the vocants
 maintenance of the Navy, and per- and Ba-
 forming that Service, be by no means the
 taxed for Tallage, and other Tributes, *Cinque-*
 with the Goods and Chattels of Fo- *Ports,*
 reigners. In witness whereof We have not to be
 caused these Our Letters to be made taxed
 Patents. with the
 Goods
 of Fo-
 reigners.

Witness Our Self at *Westminster* the
 Twenty fifth day of *February*, in
 the First year of Our Reign.

And We thought fit to have a Copy
 of Our Charter aforesaid under the
 Seal, which We now use to be trans-
 crib'd according to their request. In
 Witness whereof We have caused these
 Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *York* the Twen-
 ty sixth day of *February*, in the
 Second year of Our Reign.

And We Ratifying the Grants and
 Confirmations aforesaid, as well plea-
 sing, for Us and Our Heirs, as much as
 in Us lyeth, do grant and confirm to
 the aforesaid Barons of the *Cinque-*
Ports,

Ports, their Heirs and Successors the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, for their good and faithful Service to Us and Our Progenitors hitherto paid, and for the future to be paid to Us and Our Heirs, their Liberties, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably testify, and as the said Barons, and their Ancestors the Barons of the Ports aforesaid have hitherto lawfully used and enjoyed their Liberties and Acquittances aforesaid. In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *Westminster* the Twenty second day of *January*, in the First year of Our Reign.

And We being certified by the humble Petition of the said Barons, and honest Men of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and their Members, That notwithstanding, it is contained in the *Magna Charta* of the Liberties of *England*, (amongst other things) that the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* may have all their Liberties and Free-Customs, yet they, by reason of the ambiguity, obscurity, and doubtful meaning of certain Words, and general Terms contained in the Char-

Charters, Letters, and Confirmations
 aforesaid, have been, and are at this
 time hindered from the enjoying of
 certain of their Liberties and Free-
 Customs, as also the Priviledges and
 Acquittances which they were wont
 freely, peaceably, and quietly to
 enjoy in the Ports aforesaid, and Mem-
 bers thereof, from the time of the ma-
 king the Charters, Letters, and Confir-
 mations aforesaid, to the impoverish-
 ing and undoing of the said Barons and
 Honest Men, as also to the damage of
 the Service of Our Navy, and the utter
 loss thereof likely to ensue: We there-
 fore, greatly considering not only the
 premised, but also the good, voluntar-
 y, and free Service which the afore-
 said Barons and Honest Inhabitants of
 the *Cinque-Ports*, and Members afore-
 said, have paid to Our Progenitors,
 and especially to Us in the restoring the
 Rights of Our Kingdom; And willing
 likewise to secure their Peace and Tran-
 quility, and the publick Good on this
 behalf, and making good to them, and
 well pleasing to Us and Our Heirs, as
 much as in Us lies, all the Grants and
 Priviledges aforesaid, as also all and
 every of them which are contained and
 speci-

Specified in the Charters, Letters, and
 Confirmations aforesaid, and all and
 every of their Liberties, Priviledges,
 Acquittances, and Free-Customs which
 they, their Ancestors and Predecessors,
 had, and used in the time of Our Pro-
 genitors, and which they were wont to
 enjoy, and possess, do accept, approve,
 and ratifie them; And to the fore-
 mentioned Barons of the Ports and
 Members aforesaid, and to their Heirs,
 and Successors, by the tenour of these
 Presents, do give, grant, and confirm
 as fully, plainly, and entirely, as if
 they had been word for word ex-
 pressed, declared, and manifested in
 these Presents: We willing more-
 over, and granting for Us and Our Heirs
 aforesaid, that the aforesaid Barons,
 and their Heirs and Successors of the
 Ports and Members aforesaid, shall have
 all their Liberties, Acquittances, Privi-
 ledges, and Free-Customs restor'd to
 them as fully and entirely as their An-
 cestors and Predecessors had them in
 the times of *St. Edmund the Confessor*,
 and *William the Conqueror*, late Kings of
England, or any other of Our Progeni-
 tors, more freely, fully, and honorably.
 And although the said Barons, and
 Honest

Honest Inhabitants, or their Ancestors
 and Predecessors the Barons and Honest
 Inhabitants of the Ports and Members
 aforesaid, or any of them, by some
 emergent chance have not yet fully en-
 joyed or perhaps misused, any one or
 more of the Liberties, Acquittances,
 Priviledges, and Free-Customs contain-
 ed in the said Charter and Letters; yet
 the Barons and Honest Inhabitants, their
 Heirs and Successors, for the future shall
 fully use and enjoy the Liberties and
 Acquittances, Priviledges, and Free-
 Customs whatsoever, so not-used, or
 mis-used, or any of them, without any
 hindrance or let occasioned by Us or Our
 Heirs, Justices, Sheriffs, Coroners, Es-
 cheators, or other Bailiffs or Officers
 to Us or Our Heirs whatsoever, any
 interruption had or made in time past
 to the contrary, in any wise notwith-
 standing. We have also granted for
 Us and Our Heirs, and by this Our
 Charter have confirmed to the Mayors,
 Bailiffs, and Jurats of every Port and
 Member of the Ports, and Members
 aforesaid which were chosen in the
 Ports and Members aforesaid by the
 Commons of the same, That if any
 Customs hitherto granted and used in
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the Ports and Members of them, or any of them, be doubtful or defective in any part; or if any differences arising afresh concerning them in the same Ports and Members, or in any of them, where there hath not been a Remedy formerly made, shall want new ordering and reforming, that the said Mayors, Bailiffs, and Jurats of every Port and Member of the Ports, and of the Members aforesaid, and their Heirs and Successors, with the assent of the Commons of that Port or Member of the Ports, and of the Members aforesaid, where this amendment, defect, or difficulty shall happen to be made or had, May appoint a Remedy agreeable to Honesty and Reason, for the common good of the Barons and Honest Men, and Inhabitants of the same Port or Member of that Port, as also other of Our faithful Subjects resorting thither, as often as they shall see it expedient; Provided that that Ordinance be profitable to Us and Our Subjects, and agreeable to Reason, as aforesaid; And that they may Record their Liberties and Free-Customs before Us, Our Justices, or other Our Officers whatsoever. And further, that the same Barons may be encouraged
for

A fit Remedy to be appointed.

for the future to pay as good Service, or to their utmost ability Better to Us and Our Heirs, then they paid Our fore-mentioned Progenitors and Us in times past, We have thought fit that other Liberties and Acquittances, plain and express, be granted anew to the same Barons and Honest Men. And moreover of Our special Grace, meer Motion, and certain Knowledge, We have granted, and by these Presents do grant for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lies, to the same Barons and Honest Men of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and to the Barons and Honest Men of all and singular the Ports, Towns, and Members adjoining, united, and pertaining to the same *Cinque-Ports*, or any of them, that they, their Heirs and Successors, and other Resiants whatsoever within the Ports and Members aforesaid, or within any of the same, contributing to the Service and Navy aforesaid, be for ever quit from Toll, Panage, Bridg-toll, Wharfage, Murage, Passage, Lastage, Stallage, Tallage, Carriage, Weight-toll, Picage, Land-tax, Scot, and Gild, Hidage, Escuage, and also from the Suits of County and Hundred (and Tributes of Hundreds)

from the View of Free-Pledges, and the Pence belonging to the View of Free-Pledges; as also from whatsoever Summons, Returns, or Payments to be paid to Us, Our Heirs, or Our Successors, for any of the Premises aforesaid; And from Fines for Murder, and common Amercement whensoever it happen that a County or Town before Us or Our Heirs, or before Us, or whatsoever Our Justices, Officers or Ministers belonging to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, fall into the hands of Us or Our Heirs; and from all such like Custom, throughout Our whole Realm and Dominions. And We have also granted to the aforesaid Barons and Honest Men, their Heirs and Successors, That for ever they may have all Goods and Chattels Waviated, or which are seized by Waife, and also all Goods and Chattels which are counted Stray; as also any Treasure which is or shall be found within the Ports aforesaid, or any Member of the same; And the Goods and Chattels which are said to be made by the hand that are taken, or shall be took with any Person wheresoever within the Ports and Members aforesaid, being before any Judge whatsoever disavowed by the
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same person. And that the said Barons and Honest Men, their Heirs and Successors the Barons and Honest Men of the Ports and Members afor said, shall have the Chattels of whatsoever Felons condemned or convicted, or hereafter to be condemned or convicted; And the Goods forfeited for the escape of Felons, and Fines whatsoever for the same Escapes in whatsoever Courts belonging to Us or Our Heirs and Successors, they be Assessed or hereafter shall be Assessed before Us or Our Heirs, or or the Justices and Judges belonging to Us or Our Heirs whatsoever; And also the Chattels of all other Persons which are or shall be demanded in a Writ *Exigent* for Appearance, or for Felony; And also the Chattels of those which are Outlawed and Waviated, or shall be Outlawed or Waviated; And the Chattels by what means soever confiscated, and of all and singular the Barons and other Resiants whatsoever within the Ports and Members aforesaid, wheresoever these Goods and Chattels shall happen to be found within the Ports and Members aforesaid, or without them, in the Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*, or either of them, although

the Officers and Servants of Us or Our Heirs, or any one of them be there present. And that the said Barons and Honest Men, and their Successors, shall for ever have the Wreck of the Sea at whatsoever Coasts and Arms of the Sea in the Ports and Members aforesaid adjacent it shall happen to be cast, and all and singular the things which belong and appertain to every such Wreck: And that they, their Heirs and Successors, shall either in their own Persons, or by their Servants, take and seize upon, for their own use, such Chattels which are counted Waif or Streight, any Treasure found, Chattels which are said to be made by the hand, Chattels of Felons by whatsoever means condemned or to be condemned, convicted or to be convicted, the Chattels of all persons whatsoever which are or shall be demanded in a Writ *Exigent* for Appearance, or for Felony; the Chattels of those which are or shall be Outlawed, and which are or shall be Waived; and Chattels by what means soever confiscated, and the Wreck, with all things belonging to such Wreck; without the trouble, molestation, or impediment of Us or Our Heirs, the Justices,

Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, or other Bailiffs belonging to Us or Our Heirs, or any others whatsoever, although they were seized heretofore by Us or Our Heirs, or some of the Bailiffs, Officers, and Servants to Us and Our Heirs. We have also granted for Us and Our Heirs, to the aforesaid Barons and Honest Men, their Heirs and Successors, for the better maintaining of the Navy, and Service aforesaid, That every Mayor and Jurat in every Port and Member of the Ports and Members aforesaid, where there is a Mayor and Jurats; and every Bailiff and Jurat in every Port and Member of the same Ports and Members where such Bailiff is chosen by the Commons of the Inhabitants of that Port or Member of the Ports or of the Members aforesaid; And also the Jurats in every Port and Member of the aforesaid Ports and Members, where neither the Mayor nor Bailiff is chosen by the Commons of the Inhabitants of that Port or Member and their Successors, shall for ever receive all and all manner of Fines for Trespasses, Offences, Misprisions, Wrongs, Negligences, Ignorances, Conspiracies, Concealments, Regraters, Forestallers, Maintenances, Bribes, Cham-

Champarties, Counterfeittings, Cheats, Contempts, and all other defaults whatsoever : As also the Fines for a Licence of Agreements, and all Amercements, Redemptions, Exits, and Penalties which are or shall be forfeited ; a year and a day, Waste and Strip, and all that which should belong to Us and Our Heirs from such a year, and a day, Waste, and Strip of all and singular the Barons and other Resiants aforesaid, their Heirs and Successors, as well within the Ports and Members aforesaid, as without ; And the said Barons, and other such like Resiants in all the Courts whatsoever belonging to Us and Our Heirs, shall Impose Fines, Assess *Exits*, and make Forfeiture for Penalties, Adjudge a year and a day, Waste and Strip, and such like Forfeitures ; Which Fines and Amercements, Redemptions, Exits, Penalties, - a year and a day, Waste and Strip, Forfeitures, shall belong to Us and Our Heirs, unless they have been granted to the aforesaid Barons and Honest Men, and their Successors : So that the said Mayors and Jurats, and also the Jurats in every Port and Member of the Ports and Members before-nam'd, elected as it

it is aforesaid, shall in their own Person, or by their Servants, levy, take, and receive such Fines, Amercements, Redemptions, Exits, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and all other things which should belong to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors for a year and a day, waste, strip, and the Forfeitures aforesaid, for the common profit and use of the said Barons, their Heirs and Successors, without the impediment of Us or Our Heirs, Justices, Bailiffs, or other Our Officers whatsoever: And that the said Barons and Honest Men, their Heirs and Successors, may have as it shall seem good to them within every Port and Member of the Ports and Members aforesaid, a Pillory for Thieves, and a Cucking-stool for the punishment of Offenders there; And also that they and their Successors may for ever have Leets, and Law-days, with all the Profits which way soever belonging or appertaining thereunto from any Resiants whosoever within the Liberty aforesaid: And that the aforesaid Barons and Honest Men, and their Heirs and Successors from henceforward, and every of them may have whatever they find upon Land and Sea

freely, peaceably, and quietly, without any impediment or disturbance by Us or Our Heirs, or by the Constables to Us or Our Heirs of Our Castle of *Dover*, or by the Admiral of the Cinque-Ports, or Admiral within the Ports and Members aforesaid, without any division of it to be made, or any part of it to be rendred to Us or Our Heirs, or any other : And we have further granted for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, to the aforesaid Barons and Honest Men, and to their Heirs and Successors Liberty to Erect Gallowes within every Port and Member of the Ports and Members aforesaid ; And to give Judgment upon all Offenders who shall happen to be taken and apprehended there according to the above-mentioned Priviledge of Infangtheff and Utsfangtheff, and according to the custom antiently used in the Ports and Members aforesaid, without the lett, questioning, or impediment of Us or Our Heirs, Justices, Coroners, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other Our Bayliffs, and Officers whosoever : And that the said Mayor and Jurats, Bayliffs and Jurats, and also the Jurats in every Port and Member of the Ports and
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Members aforeſaid as they are before limited, may and ſhall from henceforth have and hold before the ſame Mayor and Jurats, Bailiff and Jurats, and alſo Jurats, by a Complaint before them to be relieved in the Court of any Port or Member of the Ports and Members aforeſaid, in any place, days or times moſt conveniently to be held according to cuſtom within any ſuch Port or Member, all and all ſorts of Pleas of and concerning all ſorts of Actions, real, perſonal, and mixt, happening by Sea or Land within any ſuch Port or Member; And that they may attach thoſe Perſons, and commit their Bodies to Priſon, againſt whom ſuch Perſonal Actions ſhall happen to be ſued or proſecuted, and be Oyers and Terminers of all and every the aforeſaid Pleas, and give Judgment upon Proceſs and Executions to be done according to the cuſtom of the Ports aforeſaid; ſo that neither the Conſtable to us or Our Heirs of the Caſtle of *Dover* aforeſaid, nor the Warden of the Cinque-Ports aforeſaid, nor the Admiral of the ſame, nor any Vice-gerent, nor Deputy appointed by him, ſhall about or concerning any ſuch Plea within the Ports and

Members aforesaid, or about any other Business or Matter that is or happens, or shall be or happen by Land, or Sea, by Fresh Water, or bounds and banks of the deep Sea, in any wise come within the limits and liberties of the same Ports and Members, or enter into such Port or Member upon such an account in any wise whatsoever, unless in default of the Mayor, Bailiff, and Jurats not administering Justice; And if such default shall chance to be, then We Will that only the aforesaid Warden of the Cinque-Ports aforesaid for the time being, either by Word of Mouth or Petition to be made by the party which shall perceive himself to be wronged, enter into the said Port or Member from time to time, and cause the Plea touching this defect to come before him within the same Port and Member in the presence of such Mayor, Bailiff, and Jurats, and there examine the Plea aforesaid, and correct and amend such default, if there be any, and there administer with speed full and compleat Justice to all and every of them who have any occasion to be there present; according to law and custom: And that the Mayor and Jurats, Bailiff and

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every Port and Member of the Ports
and Members aforesaid, elected in man-
ner and form aforesaid, shall for ever
have the Cognizance, as well of all sorts
of Pleas in the actions above-named,
as of all sorts of Pleas belonging to the
Crown, any way happening within
every such Ports or Members; And the
Power of hearing and determining all
pleas belonging to the Crown of Us or
Our Heirs, as well at the Suit of Us and
Our Heirs, as at the Suit of other Plain-
tiffs (the Pleas of all sorts of Treasons
only excepted) which We Will for Us
and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth,
to be heard and determined before the
Warden for the time being of the
Cinque-Ports aforesaid, the Mayors,
Bailiffs, and Jurats of the same Ports
being summoned according to the cu-
stom used in the same Ports, at *Shepey*,
according to the Law and Custom of
the Court aforesaid: And that every
such Mayor and Jurats, Bailiff and Ju-
rats, as also the Jurats as above limited,
may at their Election have and hold all
and singular the Pleas abovenamed (ex-
cepting those which are afore excepted)
before them within every such Port and
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Member, in the Court of the same Port or Member; and may hear and determine all such Pleas, and execute Judgments given upon them according to the Law and Custom of Our Kingdom of *England*, or Custom of the Cinque-Ports aforesaid: And further, that none of the aforesaid Barons, Honest Men, or their Heirs and Successors, or Reliants aforesaid, for the future shall be taken, Arrested, or Attach'd by any Warrants, Precepts, or Commandment of the Constable of the Castle aforesaid, or of the Warden of the Cinque-Ports aforesaid, or Admiral within the Ports and Members aforesaid, to answer upon any such Plea; or be bound in any wise to appear upon the same Cause before the same Constable, Warden, or Admiral, or his Vice-gerent, or Deputy, unless upon default of not administering Justice as aforesaid: And that none of the Barons, Honest Men, or their Heirs, or such like Reliants, shall for the future be in any wise Pressed, Attach't, or Arrested by any of the Officers and Ministers of Us or Our Heirs, to or for the Service of Us or Our Heirs to be performed upon the Sea, except for the Service of the said Barons to be paid

paid to us and Our Heirs with their Navy, as aforesaid : We have further granted to the above-named Barons and Honest Men, that they, their Heirs and Successors and other Resiants whosoever of their Heirs and Successors, within the Ports and Members aforesaid, who do now or shall hereafter contribute to the Service and Navy aforesaid, be for ever free from all Aids, They Subsidies, Contributions, Tallage, and shall be all other how many soever, which, if free from all the grant aforesaid made to them had Subsidies, &c. not been, should or might have been exacted of them, or of any of them, by us or Our Heirs, by the Bailiffs or Officers of us or Our Heirs, upon the account of their Lands, Tenements, and Incomes, or their Goods and Chattels, or any thing belonging to them which they now have, and from henceforth are to possess : And that whensoever the Commons of the Counties of Our Kingdom of *England*, or the Citizens and Burgeses of the Cities and Burroughs of the said Counties have any way granted to us, Our Heirs, or Successors, the Tenth, Fifteenth, or any other Sum or Tax whatsoever, of their Goods moveable, or Lands, Tenements.

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 Or that We or Our Heirs have caused
 Our Tenths to be belevied throughout
England, the said Barons, their Heirs
 and Successors, and the Ports and Mem-
 bers aforesaid, the Lands, Tenements,
 and Goods and Chattels of the Barons,
 their Heirs and Successors, and of other
 Resiants aforesaid, or of any of them,
 whether they be within the Liberties of
 the said Ports and Members, or without
 in the Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*,
 shall not be Taxed for the Use of Us
 or Our Heirs ; Nor shall any thing in
 any wise be levied upon them for
 Tenths, Fifteenths, and other Tri-
 butes or Tallages aforesaid for the Use
 of Us or Our Heirs ; Nor shall the said
 Barons, their Heirs or Successors, or
 other Resiants aforesaid, be distreined,
 molested, or disturbed upon these ac-
 counts in any thing concerning their
 Lands, Tenements, or their Goods
 aforesaid ; but that they, their Heirs
 and Successors, be for ever free from
 all manner of Tenths, Fifteenths, and
 other such like Tributes and Tallages,
 although they themselves or any of
 them be Agents in such Grants : And
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Our Heirs to the aforesaid Barons and Honest Men, that none of them, their Heirs and Successors shall for the future be put in any Assizes, Juries, Recognizances, Attaints, or other Inquisitions whatsoever without the Ports and Members aforesaid, although they concern Us or Our Heirs ; And that none of them be made an Assessor, Taxer, or Collector of Tenths, Fifteenths, or any parcel of them, or other Subsidies, Tallages, Taxes, or small Sums whatsoever which are or shall be granted to Us or Our Heirs ; Nor be Collector of the reasonable Aid for the creating the Eldest Son of Us or Our Heirs a Knight, or for the Marrying the Eldest Son of Us or Our Heirs ; Nor shall any of them be chosen or appointed Constable, Bailiff, or other Officer and Servant to Us or Our Heirs, without the Ports and Members aforesaid, against his Will ; And in case that any of the aforesaid Barons, Honest Men, or their Heirs and Successors, be for the future chosen, ordained, or appointed to undergo and perform the trouble of any of the Offices or Employments aforesaid ; or to undergo, perform, or take any other Office against the force, tenour, and

and efficacy of this our present Grant, although he shall refuse to undergo, perform, or take upon him those Offices or Troubles, yet he shall in no wise upon that account incur any Fine, Contempt, Forfeit, loss or damage upon his Body or Goods; but that Our present Letters shewed upon Record by him before any Justices and Officers whosoever to Us and Our Heirs, in whatsoever place through Our whole Kingdom of England, shall upon that declaration remain in their force and virtue, and by that shall be allowed to do the same without any Writ or Process to be thence further prosecuted; And that whensoever there shall happen any Examinations to be made before Our Constable of Our Castle of *Dover*, or before the Warden of the Cinque-Ports aforesaid, or Admiral of the same, such Inquisitions shall be had, taken and done within that Port or Member of the Ports and Members aforesaid, where they of the respective Ports and Members, by whom these Inquisitions shall be taken, do live and dwell, and no where else; And that they who are mentioned and Empannelled in the Inquiries aforesaid shall no way be bound, compelled,

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or forced to go out of their respective Port or Member to any other place, to take their Charge or deliver their Verdict ; Nor shall they nor any of them any way upon that account incur any contempt , amerciament, penalty, forfeiture, or any loss, to Us or Our Heirs. Wherefore We Will and strictly Com- Where-
mand for Us and Our Heirs, that the fore We
aforesaid Barons and Honest Men of the Will.

Ports aforesaid, their Heirs and Successors, have all and singular the Liberties and Acquittances aforesaid, and all the Promises by Us renewed to them and every of them ; and that for the future without any impediment of Us or Our Heirs, or Our Officers whose- Without
ever, they for ever use and enjoy them ; impedi-
ment.

Witness hereunto the Reverend Prelate *Thomas* Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury* and Primate of all *England*, Our most Dear Brothers *George* Duke of *Clare*, and *Richard* Duke of *Glocester*, the Reverend Priors *George* Bishop of *Exon*, Our Chancellor of *England*, and *Thomas* Bishop of *London*, *Richard* Earl of *Warwick*, and *John* Earl of *Northumberland* Our most dear Cosins, as also Our Trusty and Well-beloved Mr. *Robert Stillington* Keeper of Our Privy-Seal, and

and *Walter Blunt* Knt. Our Treasurer of *England*, and others; Given under Our Hand at *Westminster* the Twenty third day of *March* in the Fifth year of Our Reign: But We Ratifying and likeing the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular the things contained in them, do accept and approve of them for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, and by the Tenor of these Presents do Ratifie and Confirm them to Our Well-beloved Barons and Honest Men of the said *Cinque-Ports* and Members of the same, and to their Heirs and Successors, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably Testifie: In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents, Witness Our Self at *Westminster* the Thirteenth day of *December*, in the Third year of Our Reign. But We Ratifying and likeing well the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular the things contained in them, do accept and approve of them for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, and by the Tenor of these Presents do Ratifie and Confirm them to Our Well-beloved Barons and Honest Men of the said *Cinque-Ports* and their Mem-

Members, and to their Heirs and Successors, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably Testifie: In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents, Witness Our Self at *Westminster* the Fifth day of *March*, in the first year of Our Reign. But We Ratifying and likeing well the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular the things contained in them, do accept and approve of them for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, and by the Tenor of these Presents do Ratifie and Confirm them to Our Well-beloved Barons and Honest Men of the said *Cinque-Ports* and their Members, and to their Heirs and Successors, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably Testifie: In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents, Witness Our Self at *Westminster* the Twentieth day of *November*, in the Second year of Our Reign. But We Ratifying and likeing well the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular the things contained in them, do accept and approve of them for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, and by the Tenor of these

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Presents do Ratifie and Confirm them
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 nest Men of the said *Cinque-Ports* and
 their Members, and to their Heirs and
 Successors, as the Charters and Letters
 aforesaid do reasonably Testifie : In
 Witness whereof we have caused these
 Our Letters to be made Patents, Wit-
 ness Our Self at *Westminster* the Twenty
 seventh day of *October*, in the First year
 of Our Reign. But We Ratifying and
 likeing well the Charters and Letters
 aforesaid, and all and singular the
 things contained in them, do accept
 and approve of them for Us and Our
 Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, and by
 the Tenor of these Presents do Ratifie
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 loved Barons and Honest Men of the
 said *Cinque-Ports* and their Members,
 and to their Heirs and Successors, as
 the Charters and Letters aforesaid do
 reasonably Testifie : In Witness where-
 of We have caused these Our Letters
 to be made Patents, Witness Our Self
 at *Westminster* the Eighth day of *March*,
 in the First year of Our Reign. We
 have also looked upon the Letters
 Patents of the said Lady *Elizabeth* late
 Queen, about the Grants to the Barons

of the said *Cinque-Ports*, and Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and Members of of the same Ports and Towns, and every of them, and to their Successors the Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, Towns, and Members, made after these words:

Elizabeth by the Grace of God, We have Queen of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, look'd Defender of the Faith, &c. To the upon the Treasurer, Chantellor, and Barons of Charters of *Eliz.* Our Exchequer for the time being, and about Fif- to all other the Officers, Ministers, and teenths. Subjects of Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the time being, or which hereafter shall be, to whom it shall or may appertain, and to every of them Greeting. Whereas it appeareth unto Us by one Record remaining in Our Exchequer, amongst the Records of the Term of *Easter*, in the Sixth year of the Reign of Our most Dear Grandfather King *Henry* the Seventh, That *John* *Convers* of *Winchelsea*, and *William* *Wartyn* of *Dover* Combons of the five Ports, did come before the Barons of the same Exchequer the Seventh day of *May*, in that same Term of *Easter*, in their proper Persons, and did exhibite to the said Court there, a certain Letter

Letter of Attorney, Sealed with the Common Seal of the Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons of the five Ports, and directed to the Treasurer and Barons of the same Exchequer, the Tenor whereof followeth in these words ; To the Right, Mighty, and Noble Lord, *John Dynham* Knt. Lord *Dynham*, High Treasurer of *England*, and to the full Honourable the Barons of our Sovereign Lord the Kings Exchequer at *Westminster* that now be, We the Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons of the Towns and Ports of *Hasting*, *Winchelsea*, *Rye*, *Romney*, *Heth*, *Dover*, and *Sandwich*, at our Brotheryield-
General at the said Town and Port of *Romney*, the day of the Date hereof, Holden, Assembled, that is to say, *William Nepsham* Bayliff of *Hasting*, *Richard Martham* Mayor of *Winchelsea*, *John Cbeeseman* Mayor of *Rye*, *John Cheynew* Jurate of *Romney*, *Thomas Walton* Jurate of *Heth*, *Edward Hextal* Mayor of *Dover*, and *Thomas Aldy* Mayor of *Sandwich*, which send due Recommendations in all humblewise as appertaineth : And whereas it hath pleased our Sovereign Lord, by the Advice of his Council, is Agreed that the Sustentation-
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Subsidy and maintenance of our Navy,
 to do our old Service to our Sovereign
 Lord the King, and to his Heirs Kings of
England, That at every whole Fifteenth
 and Tenth hereafter by the Commons
 of this His Realm, to Him and to His
 Heirs to be granted, the Collectors of
 the same and every of them, within the
 Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*, from
 thenceforth shall have deduction in their
 Accompts betwixt them, by the Cer-
 tificate of the said Barons, so that they
 exceed not the Sum of Five hundred
 Pounds Sterling, for the Allowance
 of all Resiants and Advocants of their
 Allowance of all such Fifteens as from
 thenceforth shall be granted to our said
 Sovereign Lord the King, and to His
 Heirs Kings of *England*, and from
 thenceforth to be gathered, and that
 his Highness willeth in that behalf, that
 we nor our Heirs shall not in any wise
 exceed the Sum of Five hundred Pounds,
 and that we should thereupon be bound
 by Recognizance before His said Ba-
 rons in His said Exchequer at *West-*
minster, to the accomplishment of the
 same; We the said Mayors, Bayliffs,
 Jurats, and Barons, certifie by these
 Presents, that we, the day of the ma-
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king hereof, have given full Power and Authority to our Right Trusty, and Right Well-beloved Brethren and Com-bons, Mr. *John Convers* of the said Town of *Winchelsea*, and *William Warwyn* of the said Town of *Dover*, our true and lawful Attorneys, joyntly and severally in that behalf, by the Advice of Learned Councel, to bind us to our said Sovereign Lord the King, and to His Heirs Kings of *England*, by Recognizance in the said Kings Exchequer, before the said Barons in all due and convenient Form, and Sum reasonable, after the said Wisdoms and Discretions of the said High-Treasurer, and the said Barons for the accomplishment of the Premises, that is to say, That we nor our Heirs shall not from henceforth exceed the said Sum of Five hundred Pound.

In Witnes whereof, we the said Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, the Seal of our said Brother-yeild used and accustomed to the Presents, have put at the said Town and Port of *Romney*, the 12th day of *April*, in the Sixth yea of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lord King *Henry* the Seventh.

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Whereupon the said *John Convers* and *William Warwyn* being then present in the said Court in their proper Persons, and admitted there by the Barons to be the Attorneys of the said Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons of the aforesaid Ports, to execute and do in all things according to the Tenor of the said Letter ; And the said *John* and *William* taking upon them the same, did acknowledge the same Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, to owe to Our said Grandfather One thousand Pound Sterling, to be paid to Our said Grandfather in the Feast of the Nativity of St. *John* the Baptist then next coming. And except they did perform it, the said *John* and *William* in the stead and Name of the same Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, did grant that Our Grandfather should cause to be levied the said Money, of the Lands and Tenements of the said Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, whereof they, or any others, or any other that were seized, and of their Goods and Chattels to whose hand soever they should come, and made that this Recognizance was under such Condition, That if the Collectors of the Fifteenths and Tenths

to Our said Grandfather, then, or to His Heirs Kings of *England* in the Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*, and elsewhere within this Realm of *England* from henceforth to be granted, should not have Deductions in their Accompts to Our said Grandfather of such whole Fifteenth and Tenth to be yielded by the Certificates of the Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, or their Successors from thenceforth to be above the Sum of 500 *l.* And if the said Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, their Heirs and Successors, by their Certificates to such Collectors in the said Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*, and elsewhere within this Realm of *England*; of, and for such whole Fifteenth and Tenth for the same Mayors, Bayliffs, Jurats, and Barons, and the Residents and Advocants of the said Ports, to be made and directed, should not exceed the Sum of 500 *l.* at every such Fifteenth and Tenth thenceforth to be granted, that then the said Recognizance should be void, otherwise it should remain in his strength and effect as by the said Record remaining in the Custody of Our Remembrancer in Our Exchequer more at large appeareth.

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And whereas further it appeareth unto
 Us by Letters under the Privy Seal of
 Our said most dear Grandfather King
Henry the Seventh, directed to Mr.
 Treasurer and the Barons of his Ex-
 chequer, bearing Date at *Westminster*
 the Three and Twentieth day of *June*
 in the Ninth year of His Reign, That
 whereas Our said Grandfather was then
 informed, that of old time accustomed
 at every Fifteenth granted to the Barons
 of the five Ports, and their Advocants
 and Members of them, and every of
 them, were wont to be allowed in the
 Exchequer of Our said Grandfather,
 of as much and as large Sums of Mo-
 ney as they would ask by sufficient Bil-
 let thereof, at every Fifteenth granted
 till then of late by agreement thereof
 taken, and as between Our said Grand-
 father and them, they were Cessed at a
 certain Sum of 500 *l.* and thereupon
 they were bound in a Recognizance
 before the Treasurer and Barons of
 Our said Grandfather in his Exchequer
 unto Our said Grandfather, in One
 thousand Marks, that they should not
 exceed the said Sum of 500 *l.* in asking
 Allowance by Billet, upon forfeiture to
 Our said Grandfather of the said Thou-

sand Marks, And whereas Our said
 Grandfather being informed, That the
 Treasurer and Barons of His Exche-
 quer did then deny to receive and al-
 low the Bills and Billets under the Seals
 either of the Towns of *Winchelsea* and
Rye, and of the Members of the said
 five Ports, of every of them for dis-
 charging of divers of the Collectors of
 Our said Grandfather, for divers Fif-
 teenthths that then were past; Our said
 Grandfather willing the said five Ports,
 the said Towns of *Winchelsea* and *Rye*,
 and the Members of them, and every
 of them to be Partners of the said Dis-
 charge of 500 *l.* as they be Charged to
 Our said Grandfather in Service, and
 for divers and many other great Consi-
 derations Our said Grandfather speci-
 ally moving, did by the said Letters
 under the said Privy Seal, Will and
 Charge the said Treasurer and Barons
 of his Exchequer and every of them,
 that they immediately after the sight of
 the same Letters, should receive and
 take of the Collector and Collectors
 of Our said Grandfather of any such
 Fifteenth, all such Bills and Billets for
 discharging of the said Fifteenthths be-
 fore that time granted, and thereafter
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to be granted, as well them that were under the Seals of the said Towns of *Winchelsea* and *Rye* parcel of the Head Ports, or any of them, as them that were under the Seals of any of the Members, to what manner of Sum that the said Bills or Billets should amount unto. And if the said Bills or Billets should amount to the Sum of 500 *l.* or beneath at a Fifteen, then Our said Grandfather Willed and Charged them and every of them to allow all the Sum of 500 *l.* or any Sum beneath that Sum; And if the said Bills or Billets should amount above the Sum of the said 500 *l.* Then Our said Granfather willed the said Treasurer and Barons, that they allow to the said Collectors the said Sum of 500 *l.* and no more. And then Our said Grandfather willed, that the said Treasurer and Barons should make as hasty Process as they lawfully might against the said five Ports, for the said Thousand Marks by them unto Our said Grandfather to be forfeited, for their exceeding the said Sum contrary to their said Recognizance, as by the said Letters under the Privy Seal of Our said Grandfather more at large appear-

eth. And whereas divers of the most
 antient Charters, and Letters Patents,
 made to the Barons of the said *Cinque-
 Ports* in that behalf, as also the En-
 rollment of the same by length and tract
 of long time and many Ages, or other-
 wise are perished, and utterly worn
 out, lost, or decayed, We considering
 the good Services which the said Barons
 of the *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said
 Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and their
 Members have done unto Us, and the
 great Charges which they have been at
 in Our late Services upon the Seas, and
 elsewhere against the *Spaniards*, in the
 year of Our Lord God 1588. and 1596.
 and willing that the said Barons of the
 said *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said
 Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and the
 Members of them, and every of them,
 and the Resiants of the said Ports,
 Towns, and Members, and the Advo-
 cants of the said Ports, and Towns,
 and every of them, should be discharged
 of the Sum of 500 l. at every Fifteen,
 and be Partners of the said Discharge
 of 500 l. according to such rate and
 proportion as the *Cinque-Ports*, Towns,
 and Members be charged to Us, Our
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finding and maintaining of the Navy of the said Ports, Towns, and Members : In consideration of the said Services, and for the better maintenance and sustentation of the Navy of the said Ports, and for divers other good considerations, us specially moving of Our special Grace, meer motion, and certain knowledge do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant unto the said Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and of the Members of the same Ports, and Towns, and every of them and their Successors ; Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, Towns, and Members, That at every Fifteenth heretofore to us granted and yet payable, and heretofore to us granted, and hereafter to be paid ; And also at every Fifteenth hereafter to us, Our Heirs and Successors to be granted, they the said Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and of the Members of the said Ports and Towns, and of every of them, and their Successors Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, Towns and Members for themselves, and the Resiants of the said Ports, Towns, and Members, and the Advocants of the said

Ports, and Towns, shall have thereof, and be allowed in the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs and Successors at, and of every such Fifteenth so granted, or to be granted as is aforesaid, the said Sum of 500 *l.* and no more : And therefore for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do Will and Charge the Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and of every of them for the time being, for ever hereafter that they do from time to time, receive and take of the Collector and Collectors of any Fifteenth at any time heretofore to Us granted and yet payable, and heretofore granted to Us, and hereafter to be paid, and hereafter to Us, Our Heirs and Successors to be granted, all such Bills and Billets for the discharge of the said Barons of Our said *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and of the Members of them and every of them, and of the Residents of the said Ports, Towns and Members, and the Advocants of the same Ports and Towns, and of every of them for the time being, of the Sum of 500 *l.* part or parcel of every such Fifteenth before this time granted and yet payable, and heretofore granted
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unto Us, and hereafter to be paid, and hereafter to Us, Our Heirs or Successors to be granted as well all those Bills and Billets that be or hereafter shall be under the Seals of any of the *Cinque-Ports* and Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea* or any of them, as all those which be or hereafter shall be, under the Seals of any of the Members of the said *Cinque-Ports* and Towns, or any of them; And if the said Bills or Billets, do or shall at any time hereafter of, or for any Fifteenth amount above the said Sum of 500 l. then for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We Will and Charge the said Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of the same Exchequer, and every of them from time to time, to allow to the said Collector and Collectors of Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the time being, for the said Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, and Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and their Successors, and for them and every of their Members, and the Residents of the said Ports, Towns, and Members, and the Advocants of the said Ports and Towns the said Sum of 500 l. and no more: And then for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We Will and Command that the said Treasurer, Chancellor, and Ba-

rons of the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the time being, make as hasty Process as lawfully as may be made against the said Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and their Successors for the levying of the said 1000 Marks by them to Us, Our Heirs or Successors to be forfeited for their exceeding the said Sum of 500*l.* contrary to their said Recognizance; And further for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do Will and Charge all and every Collector and Collectors of Us, Our Heirs and Successors of every Fifteenth to Us granted, or hereafter to Us, Our Heirs or Successors to be granted, that they and every of them do receive of the said Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, and of the said Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and their Successors for them, their, and every of their Members, and the Residents of the said Ports, Towns, and Members, and the Advocants of the said Ports and Towns, all and every such Bills and Billets as have been, or hereafter shall be tendred unto the said Collector or Collectors, or any of them according to the purport and true meaning of these Presents:

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And moreover for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, of Our meer grace and certain knowledge, We do grant to the said Barons of the said *Cinque-Ports*, and Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and of the Members of the said Ports and Towns and their Successors, that neither they, nor their Successors, nor any of them, nor the Reliants of them, or any of them, nor the Advocants of the said Ports and Towns, or any of them, or their Successors, at any time hereafter by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, or by the Treasurer, Chancellor, or Barons of the said Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, or by any Collectors, or other Officers or Ministers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, shall be distreined, impeached, impleaded, or molested in any thing contrary to the Tenor and Purport of these Presents, although express mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the Premises, or of any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants by Us, or any of Our Progenitors to the aforesaid Barons of the said *Cinque Ports*, or of the said Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and their Members heretofore made in these Presents is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance,

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Provision, or Restraint to the contrary made, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *Westminster*, the Six and twentieth day of *January*, in the Three and fortieth year of Our Reign.

We have also looked upon the Letters Patents of Our most Dear Grandfather Lord *James*, late King of *England*, made according to these Words : *James* by the Grace of God King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all those to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting, &c. In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *Westminster*, the Thirtieth day of *January*, in the Second Year of Our Reign of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, and of *Scotland* the Thirty eight.

We have also looked upon the Letters Patents of Our most Dear Father Lord
Charles,

Charles, late King of England, (of Blessed Memory) made after these Words: *Charles* by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all those to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting, &c. In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *Westminster*, the Sixteenth day of *June*, in the Tenth Year of Our Reign.

Whereas Our Town and Port of *Hast-
ing* in our County of *Sussex*, and Our Town and Port of *New-Romney*, alias *Romene*, of *Heeth*, *Dover*, and *Sand-
wich* in Our County of *Kent*, are, and, from the time of the contrary of which, being never known to have been, were always the *Cinque-Ports* of Us and Our Progenitors, the Kings and Queens of England: And whereas also Our Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea* in Our said County of *Sussex*, are, and from the whole time aforesaid have been Antient Towns, and within the Liberties of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid: And whereas also the Town and Priviledged Monastery of *Pevensey*, and the Town of
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Seaford in the County of *Sussex* aforesaid ; and the Towns and Places called *Bulver-Heath*, *Little Iham*, and *Hidney* in the County of *Sussex* aforesaid ; and the Towns or Places called *Beckesbourne*, and *Graunge*, alias *Grenche* in the County of *Kent* aforesaid, are and have been ever since the time aforesaid, Members of the said Town and Port of *Hasting* ; And the Town of *Bromhill* in the aforesaid Counties of *Sussex* and *Kent* ; and the Town of *Lydd* and *Old-Romney* in the County of *Kent* aforesaid ; and that other Towns or Places called *Denge-Marsh*, *Oswardstone*, alias *Oswelstone* in the County of *Kent* aforesaid, are, and have been ever since the time aforesaid, Members of the said Town and Port of *New-Romney* alias *Romene* ; and also the Town of *Westbeeth* in the County of *Kent* aforesaid, is, and hath been ever since the time aforesaid, a Member of the same Town and Port of *Heeth* ; and also the Towns of *Folkstone* and *Feversham* in the County of *Kent* aforesaid ; and the Towns and Places called *Margate St. Johns*, *Goresend*, *Brickington-Wood*, alias *Wood-Church*, and *St. Peters* in the Isle of *Thanet* in the County of *Kent* aforesaid ;
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and *Kingsdown*, and *Ringwolde* in the County of *Kent* afore said, are, and have been ever since the time afore said, Members of the fore named Town and Port of *Dover*; and also the Towns or Places of *Fordwich*, *Deal*, *Walmer*, *Ramsgate*, and *Stomer* in the afore said County of *Kent*; and *Sarr* in the Isle of *Tbannet* in the said County of *Kent*; and *Brightlingsfey* in the County of *Essex*, are, and have been from the whole time afore said, Members of the said Town and Port of *Sandwich*; as also the Town and Hundred of *Tenderden* in the afore said County of *Kent*, is a Member of the Antient Town of *Rye*: And whereas also the Barons and Inhabitants of the afore said *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Hasting* afore said in the County of *Sussex*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *New-Romney* afore said in the said County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Heerb* afore said in the said County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the

the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Dover* aforesaid, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Sandwich* aforesaid in the County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Antient Town of *Rye* aforesaid in the County of *Sussex*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Ancient Town of *Winchelsea* aforesaid in the County of *Sussex*, and their Predecessors; and the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Priviledged Monastery of *Pevensey* aforesaid in the County of *Sussex*, and their Predecessors; and the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Seaford* aforesaid in the County of *Sussex*, and their Predecessors; and the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Lydd* aforesaid in the County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayors, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Folkstone* aforesaid in the County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Feverham* aforesaid in the County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayor,

Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Fordwich* aforesaid in the County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors; and the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Hundred of *Tenderden* aforesaid in the County of *Kent*, and their Predecessors, have had, held, and enjoyed, and as yet have, hold, and enjoy divers Liberties, Franchises, Priviledges, Jurisdiccions, Acquitances and Freedoms in time past, as well upon the account of the Letters Patents aforesaid above recited, and several other Charters and Letters Patents by other Our Predecessors the Kings and Queens of *England*, to them and their Predecessors heretofore respectively given, granted, and confirmed; as upon the account of divers Prescriptions and Customs used and accustomed in the same Ports, Towns, and Members respectively: We considering that the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and the Barons of the Antient Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea* aforesaid, and of the Members of the same Ports and Antient Towns, have from time to time throughly performed and paid great Services with their Navy to very many of Our Progenitors and Predecessors

cessors the Kings and Queens of *England*, to their great cost, and to the great honour and profit of Our Progenitors and Our Kingdom aforesaid : And graciously and piously considering that the said *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and the Members of the same Ports and Towns are continually liable to the Injuries, Wrongs, Piracies, and sudden Oppressions of Our Enemies : As also willing and greatly desiring that the Navy of the Ports aforesaid, and of the Antient Towns aforesaid, and of the Members of the same Ports and Antient Towns should not perish or decay, (which cannot without great Charges and Expences be kept, maintained or furnished) but that it may be found fitter and in better readiness to serve Us, Our Heirs and Successors : And that the *Cinque-Ports* and Antient Towns, and the Members of the same Ports and Antient Towns by the frequent recourse and increase of Inhabitants may be made the stronger and better able to defend themselves and the Neighbouring Country ; And also Consideration being had of the most pleasing and acceptable Service which the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* and of the Antient Towns aforesaid

aforeſaid have performed and paid to
 us at Our Inauguration to the Crown of
 this Our Kingdom of *England*, accord-
 ing as in times paſt they did, and were
 bound to do to Our Progenitors the
 Kings and Queens of *England* at their
 reſpective Coronation, the time of the
 contrary being never remembred to
 have been; and are ſtill bound to do
 to Our Heirs and Succeſſors the Kings
 of *England* at their Coronation ac-
 cording to their Honour and Priviledge:
 And We have looked upon the ſeveral
 Letters Patents as well of Our Famous
 Predeceſſor aforeſaid the Lady *Elizabeth*
 late Queen of *England*, as of Our moſt
 Dear Grandfather aforeſaid, and Our
 moſt Dear Father abovementioned;
 and all and ſingular the things reſpe-
 ctively contained and ſpecified in the
 ſame: As alſo all and ſingular the other
 Gifts, Grants, Charters, Confirmati-
 ons, and Letters Patents whatſoever,
 made by one or more of Our Anceſtors
 or Predeceſſors the Kings or Queens of
England to the Barons of the *Cinque-*
Ports, and to their Heirs and the Inha-
 bitants of the *Cinque-Ports*, or other
 Advocants of the Liberties of the ſame,
 and to the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*,
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their Heirs and Successors, and to the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, and of the Members of the same, and to the Barons and Honest-Men of the *Cinque-Ports*, and of the Members of the same, and to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Jurats of the *Cinque-Ports*, and Members of the same; and to the Mayor and Jurats, Bailiffs and Jurats, or Jurats of the *Cinque-Ports* and Members of the same, and every of them, and of any Port or Member aforesaid: And to the Baron of the Town and Port of *Hasting*, and to the Bailiff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Hasting*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Hasting*; and to the Baron of the Town and Port of *New-Romney*, and to the Jurats and Commons of the Town and Port of *New-Romney*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *New-Romney*; and to the Baron of the Town and Port of *Heeth*, and to the Jurats and Commons of the Town and Port of *Heeth*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Heeth*; and to the Baron of the Town and Port of *Dover*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the
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the Town and Port of *Dover* ; and to the Baron of the Town and Port of *Sandwich*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Sandwich* ; and to the Baron of the Antient Town of *Rye*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Antient Town of *Rye* ; and to the Baron of the Antient Town of *Winchelsea*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Antient Town of *Winchelsea* ; and to the Baron of the Town and Priviledged Monastery of *Pevensey*, and to the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Priviledged Monastery of *Pevensey* ; and to the Baron of the Town of *Seaford*, and to the Bayliff and Commons of the Town of *Seaford* ; and to the Baron of the Town of *Lydd*, and to the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Lydd* ; and to the Baron of the Town of *Folkstone*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Folkstone* ; and to the Baron of the Town of *Feversham*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Feversham* ; and to the Baron of the Town of *Fordwich*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Fordwich* ; and to the Baron

ron of the Town and Hundred of *Tenterden*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Hundred of *Tenterden*; by whatsoever Names or Name, or by whatsoever incorporations or incorporation, or pretence of incorporation hitherto they have been, or now, and for the future shall be known, called or named; And We Warranting to them, and making them well-liking to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as much as in Us lieth, all and singular their Liberties, Priviledes, Franchises, Customs, Freedoms, Acquittances, Exemptions, Jurisdictions, Fairs, Markets, Marts, Toll, Stallage, Piccage, Custom, Easments, Fines, Amercements, and other Profits and Hereditaments contained and specified in the said Letters Patents, or in any one or more of them, (by these Presents in no wise to be recalled, diminished, or changed) do Ratifie, Approve, Accept of, and Confirm them by these Presents, as they have hitherto reasonably used them: And further of Our more free and special Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted and confirmed, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and

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Successors, do give, grant, and confirm to the aforementioned Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* and the Antient Towns aforesaid, and of the Members of the same Ports and Towns, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Hast-ling* in the County of *Sussex*, and to their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *New-Romney* in the County of *Kent*, and to their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Heeth* in the County of *Kent*, and to their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Dover* in the County of *Kent*, and to their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Sandwich* in the County of *Kent*, and to their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Antient Town of *Rye* in the County of *Sussex*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Antient Town of *Win-chelsea* in the County of *Sussex*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Bayliff,

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Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Priviledged Monastery of *Pevensey* in the County of *Suffex*, and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Seaford* in the County of *Suffex*, and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Lydd* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Folkstone* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Feversham* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Fordwich* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Hundred of *Tenterden* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors, respectively: That every Mayor, and Jurat of every respective Port of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and their Successors respectively, within every Port aforesaid, for every Port aforesaid, and for all other Places or Towns whatsoever, or any other Place and Town whatsoever belonging

longing to any Port aforesaid; or being a Member of any Port aforesaid, which have not within their selves or self a Mayor or Bayliff elected by the Commons of those places or place, Towns or Town: And also that every Mayor and Jurat of every of the Antient Towns aforesaid, and their Successors respectively; and every Mayor of the aforesaid Town of *Feversham*, and their Successors respectively; and every Mayor and Jurat of every of the other Members of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid where there is a Mayor and Jurats, and their Successors respectively, within every Antient Town, and within the aforesaid Town of *Feversham*, and within every other Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid, for every of the Antient Towns aforesaid, and for the aforesaid Town of *Feversham*, and for every other Member aforesaid respectively; and every Bayliff and Jurat, and every Bayliff where there is no Jurat of every Member of the Ports aforesaid where such Bayliff is chosen by the Commons of the same Member, and their Successors respectively, within every other Member of the Ports aforesaid, for every such Mem-

ber as above severally and respectively limited, may for the future for ever have and hold, and have power to have and to hold before the same Mayor and Jurats, and Mayor, and Bayliff, and Jurats, and Bayliff respectively within every such Port of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid, at some most convenient place, days, and accustomed times there respectively, one Court of Record: And that the same Mayors and Jurats, and Mayors, Bayliffs, and Jurats, and Bayliffs and their Successors respectively, may and shall have in every Court of the said Courts severally and respectively, more fully and freely than they formerly had in the same, full Power and Authority by these Presents of hearing and determining in the several Courts aforesaid respectively by some grievance in the same to be considered, and of holding all and singular the Suits of and concerning all and all manner of Debts, Accounts, Covenants, Contracts, Misdemeanors by Force and Arms, or otherwise done in contempt of us, Our Heirs and Successors; detaining of Goods, Contempts, Cheatings, Writs of Withernam; and of and concerning
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all and all manner of other Actions, All Actions Real, Personal, and Mixt whatsoever; Suits of Assize of Fresh Disseisin, or of the Death of an Ancestor, or of Redisseisin within every such Port, and Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same Port, or any other places or place, Towns or Town appertaining or belonging to any Port aforesaid, or being a Member of any such Port or Ports where neither Mayor nor Bayliff is elected respectively; and within every Antient Town aforesaid, and within the aforesaid Town of *Feversham*, and within every other Member aforesaid, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of every such Antient Towns, and of the Town of *Feversham* aforesaid, and other Suits which any way happen or shall happen, chance or shall chance to be within any other Members aforesaid, respectively: And that the same Mayors and Jurats, and Mayors, and Bayliffs, and Jurats, and Jurats and Bayliffs, and their Successors respectively, may upon all such Pleas, Actions, Complaints of Assize of fresh Disseisin, or of the Death of an Ancestor, or of Redisseisin in the said Courts, or any of them which are, or shall be moved

or redressed, have Power, Authority, and License to bring and force the Person or Persons against whom any such Pleas, Actions, or Complaints of Assize of Fresh Disseisin, or of the Death of an Ancestor, or of Redisseisin which shall happen to be moved or redressed in the Courts aforesaid, or any of them, to appear to the Suit by the Summons, Attachments, or Distraint of the Sergeant of the Mace to the Mayors and Jurats, and Mayors, and Bayliffs, and Jurats, and Bayliffs of every Port, Antient Town, and Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid, or any of the same respectively; or by any other Officers who are or shall be deputed by them respectively for the same, or by any other Officers to be deputed by the aforesaid Courts or any of them; or by an Attachment of the Body of the Person or Persons by any such Sergeants of the Mace, or other Officers to be Executed according to the Law and Custom of Our Kingdom of *England*, or the Custom of any Port or Antient Town aforesaid, or of any Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid respectively, or according to the Custom used in any of our Burroughs or Counties

ties within Our Kingdom of *England*: And to hear and determine all and singular the Pleas, Actions, Complaints, and Assize of Fresh Disseisin, of the Death of an Ancestor, or Redisseisin in any one of the Courts aforesaid respectively; and to bring and determine them by such like Proceedings, Considerations, Judgments, and Executions of Judgments, by which they bring and determine such like Pleas, Actions, Complaints of Assize of Fresh Disseisin, of the Death of an Ancestor, or of Redisseisin according to the Law of Our Kingdom of *England* in any of Our Courts, or according to the Custom in any of the Ancient Towns aforesaid belonging to any such Port, or in any Member of the Ports and Ancient Towns aforesaid respectively, or in any Burrough, or County, or Liberty within the said Kingdom of *England*; Or they may be brought and determined at the pleasure of the Mayors and Jurats, Mayor, Bayliff, and Jurats, and Bayliff respectively, and make and execute the Executions, Proseses, and Judgments thereupon by the aforesaid Sergeant of the Mace, or any other Officer aforesaid: And that every Mayor, Jurat, and Commons of any of the

Cinque-Ports, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid whatsoever, where there is a Mayor, and their Successors respectively ; and all Bayliffs, Jurats, and Commons, and the Bayliffs and Commons of every Member of the Ports aforesaid, where the said Bayliffs are elected by the Commons of the Members aforesaid, and their Successors, may and shall have and receive to their own proper use and advantage respectively, all and singular the Fines, Amercements, Ransoms, Issues, Forfeitures and other Profits whatsoever, coming, rising, chancing, or happening from and in the Courts aforesaid respectively : And that they may by their Officers levy, receive, seize, and keep all and singular those Fines, Ransoms, Amercements, Issues, Forfeitures, and Profits for their own proper use and advantage respectively from time to time, by an Action or Actions of Debt, or such other Suits, Actions, Means, Ways, and Proceedings to be had and prosecuted in any Court or Courts of Record within the *Cinque-Ports*, or Antient Towns aforesaid, or Members of the same aforesaid, or in any one or more of them, by which such like Fines, Amerce-

Amercements, Ransoms, Issues, Forfeitures, and Profits are wont to be levied, received, and recovered in any of the Courts of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, throughout Our whole Kingdom of *England*; or may be without the impediment of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or of any of Our Officers whosoever: And moreover for the better ruling and governing of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid, We of Our special Grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion have given, granted, and confirmed, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give, grant and confirm to the said Barons and honest Inhabitants of the *Cinque-Ports* and Antient Towns aforesaid; and to the Members of the same Ports and Towns, and to their Successors, and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Hasting* in the County of *Sussex* and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *New-Romney* in the County of *Kent* and their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Port of *Heeth* in the County of *Kent*, and

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 County of *Kent*, and their Successors ;
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 and their Successors ; and to the afore-
 said Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of
 the Town of *Seaford* in the County of
Suffex, and their Successors ; and to the
 afore said Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons
 of the Town of *Lydd* in the County of
Kent, and their Successors ; and to the
 afore said Mayor, Jurats and Commons
 of the Town of *Folkstone* in the County
 of *Kent*, and their Successors ; and to
 the afore said Mayor, Jurats, and Com-
 mons of the Town of *Feverham* in the
 County of *Kent*, and their Successors ;
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and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Fordwich* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Hundred of *Tenterden* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors respectively ; That every Mayor and Jurat of every Port of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports* respectively within the Ports aforesaid, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same Ports, as also within all other Places and Towns, or any other Place and Town appertaining or belonging to any Port aforesaid, or being a Member of any Port aforesaid, in which Places or Towns, or in which Place or Town the Mayor or Bayliff is not chose by the Commons of those Places or Towns, or Place or Town, and their Successors respectively : And every Mayor and Jurat of either of the aforesaid Antient Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea*, and any Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid, where there is a Mayor, and their Successors respectively : As also every Bayliff and Jurat of any Member of the Ports aforesaid, where such Bayliff is chosen by the Commons of the same

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Member, and their Successors respectively, within the Antient Towns and Members aforesaid, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same, severally, according as it is before limited, may and shall be henceforward for ever Keepers of the Peace, and Justices to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to keep the Peace for Us, Our Heirs and Successors; and that every of them may and shall be Keeper of the Peace, and Justice to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to keep the Peace for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, within each of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, and Places above-named, and the Bounds and Precincts of the same, and every of them severally and respectively: And We do create, appoint, make, ordain and confirm by these Presents the said Mayors, Bayliffs, and Jurats, and every of them, and their Successors respectively, Keepers of the Peace and Justices to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to keep the Peace for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, within every of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members and Places aforesaid, and the Liberties, Bounds, Limits and Precincts of the same respectively; And We appoint them to keep, and cause to be kept

kept all Ordinances and Statutes already set forth, or hereafter to be set forth, for the good of the Peace of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and for the preservation of the same, and for the quiet rule and government of the People belonging to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in all and singular their Articles, within every of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, and Places aforesaid, and the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same severally and respectively, according to the force, tenor, and effect of the same: And to Correct and Punish all Offenders against the form of the said Ordinances and Statutes, or any of them, in that place respectively, as according to the form of those Ordinances and Statutes they were enjoyn'd to do: And to make to appear before the aforesaid Mayor, Bayliff, and Jurats respectively, all those who have threatned any mischief to the Persons of any of the Subjects of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, or to Fire their Houses; and make them bring sufficient security for their peace and good behaviour toward Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and toward the Subjects of Us, Our Heirs and Successors

cessors ; and if they refuse to find out such Security, then to cause them to be kept safe in Prison until they shall find such Security : And moreover We Will, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents do grant and confirm to the aforesaid Mayors, Jurats, and Commons ; to the Bayliffs, Jurats, and Commons ; and to the Bayliffs and Commons of every of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid, and to their Successors respectively, That any two or more of the aforesaid Mayors and Jurats of any Port of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, and their Successors respectively, within the Ports aforesaid, and the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same, as also within any other Place or Places, Town or Towns, appertaining or belonging to any Port aforesaid, or being a Member of any Port aforesaid, in which Place or Places, Town or Towns, Mayor nor Bayliff is chosen by the Commons of the said Place or Places, Town or Towns ; (the Mayor of which Places or his Deputy for the time being We Will always have to be but one) and that any two or more of the aforesaid Mayors and Jurats of any of the aforesaid Antient

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 Heirs and Successors ; and henceforward
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gick, Trespasses, Foretallers, Regrators, Ingrossers, and Extortions whatsoever, and of all and singular other Misdemeanors and Offences concerning which the Justices of the Peace to Us, Our Heirs or Successors lawfully may or ought to make enquiry within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same, or within any of them, or within any County of Our Kingdom of *England*, by whomsoever or howsoever they have been done or committed within any of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members and Places aforesaid, and the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same severally and respectively, or which shall hereafter happen to be done or attempted in the same Places respectively; As also after all those who within the Antient Towns, Members, and Places aforesaid of the *Cinque-Ports*, or within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same respectively, have assembled together against the Peace of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to the disturbance of the Subjects of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or by force went or rode about Armed, or for the future shall presume so to go or ride :
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 forth for the common good of Our
 Kingdom of *England*, or the Subjects
 of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by
 the abuse of Weights or Measures, or in
 the selling of Victuals, or for the time
 to come shall presume so to offend or at-
 tempt any such thing within the *Cinque-
 Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, or
 Places aforesaid, or within the Liberties,
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 Officers and Ministers, who in the Exe-
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be, within the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members or Places aforesaid, or within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same respectively; and to make enquiry more fully about the truth of all and singular the Articles, Circumstances, and other things whatsoever by whomsoever, and by what mean soever the things aforementioned or any thing that concerns them are done or committed, or which for the future shall happen there respectively to be done or attempted within the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members or Places aforesaid, or within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same respectively; and for the looking after all Indictments whatsoever which have been or shall be so presented before the aforesaid Mayors and Bayliffs or their Deputies, and the Jurats and their Successors respectively, or which have been made or exhibited, and not yet determined, before other of Our late Justices of the Peace, within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and the Members of the same, or any of them respectively; and for the directing, making, and continuing Process against all and singular
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of them so indicted, or against those who for the time to come shall happen to be indicted before the aforesaid Mayor or his Deputy and Jurats, the Bayliff or his Deputy and Jurats, or their Successors respectively, or against those who shall render or give up themselves to their own proper Officers; and to hear and determine all and singular the Felonies, Murders, Manflaughters, Witchcrafts, Inchantments, Fortune-telling, Art-magick, Trespasses, Forestallers, Regrators, Ingrossers, Extortions, Assemblings, Indictments aforesaid, and all and singular the rest above-mentioned, according to the Laws and Statutes of Our Kingdom of *England* which are already set forth or shall be set forth; and to correct and punish the said Delinquents and every of them for their Offences, by Fines, Ransoms, Amercements, Forfeitures, or any other way as hath been used, or ought, or hereafter shall be, to be done according to the Law and Custom of Our Kingdom of *England*, or according to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid already set forth or hereafter to be set forth; and to do, execute and perform all other things, within

within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same, and the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same respectively as fully, freely, and perfectly, and in as ample manner and form, as the Justices of the Peace of us, Our Heirs and Successors in the Counties of *Kent*, *Sussex*, and *Essex*, or in any of them, or in any other County within Our Kingdom of *England*, have heretofore done, performed, and executed, or may or shall hereafter have power to do, perform, or execute by virtue of any Commission, Act of Parliament, Statute, Law, or Custom, or by other legal way whatsoever, and in as ample manner and form, as if all those things had been exactly and by special words contained, declared, repeated, and expressed in these Our Letters Patents: And that any two or more of the aforesaid Mayors and Jurats of any Port of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, and their Successors respectively, within the Ports aforesaid, and within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits and Precincts of the same, as also within any other Place or Places, Town or Towns whatsoever appertaining or belonging to any Port
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same, within the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, and other Places aforesaid, and within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same respectively, from time to time according to the Laws and Custom of this Our Kingdom of *England* : And by these Presents we create, appoint, make, ordain, and confirm any two or more of the said Mayors, Bayliffs, and Jurats, and their Successors respectively, (the Mayor and Bayliff of which Places or their Deputy, We Will always have to be but one) the Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors to deliver Gaols from the Prisons being in the same, within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, and Places aforesaid, and within the Bounds, Limits, Liberties, and Precincts of the same respectively from time to time according to the Custom of this Kingdom of *England* ; and to do, execute, and perform all other things whatsoever, from time to time, within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, and Places aforesaid, and within the Bounds, Limits, Liberties, and Precincts of the same respectively, as fully, freely, and compleatly, and in
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 no other Justices of Us, Our Heirs and
 Successors, that are appointed or are
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 Our Heirs, or Successors, within the
 aforesaid Counties of *Kent*, *Sussex*, and
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Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, Escheator, nor any other Officers belonging to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, within the aforesaid Counties of *Kent*, *Sussex*, and *Essex*, or any one of them for the future enter or come in any wise to do, act, or perform any thing or things within the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members or Places aforesaid, or within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, or Precincts of the same; Nor may any of them have or exercise any Authority or Jurisdiction concerning any causes, things, or matters whatsoever, any way appertaining, belonging, or lying upon, or which for the future shall happen to appertain, belong, or lie upon the Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, appointed or to be appointed to keep the Peace, or to enquire after, hear, and determine divers Felonies, Trespases, and other Misdemeanors, or to deliver Gaols, within the said *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members, and Places aforesaid, or within the Liberties, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same, or any of them, at what time or upon what cause soever those things shall chance or happen to be: And that every

every Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of every of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid where there is a Mayor, and their Successors respectively; and every Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; and Bayliff and Commons of every of the Members of the Ports aforesaid, where such Bayliff is chosen by the Commons of the Members aforesaid, and their Successors respectively, may and shall have and receive ^{All Fines,} to their own proper use and advantage ^{Issues,} respectively, all and all manner of Fines, ^{&c.} Issues, Ransoms, Amercements, Forfeitures and Profits whatsoever, which shall from time to time for ever for the future be seized, forfeited, adjudged, come, happen, or fall out before the abovenamed Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, that are to keep the Peace, and also those that are to enquire after, hear, and determine divers Felonies, Trespasses, and other Misdemeanors, or those that deliver Gaols belonging to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, within the said *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, Members and Places aforesaid, or before any one of those whosoever respectively; and that they may levy and receive all those things by their own proper

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cessors; and without the impediment
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Ministers whosoever: Notwithstanding
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these Presents We grant and confirm
for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to
the aforesaid Mayors, Jurats, and Com-
mons; Bayliffs, Jurats, and Commons;
and Bayliffs and Commons of every
Port, Antient Towns aforesaid, and the
Members aforesaid, and to their Suc-
cessors respectively, That every Mayor,
Bayliff, and Jurat aforesaid, who now
is, or hereafter shall be respectively,
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of Peace within any of the aforesaid
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berties, Bounds, Limits, or Precincts
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these Our Letters Patents, or of the
aforesaid Letters Patents of Our said
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of God, faithfully to execute that Office in all things and through all things according as he shall be Constituted and Ordained by the Laws and Ordinances made for that purpose by the above-mentioned Mayor, Jurats, and Commons; Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; and Bayliff and Commons of every of the Ports, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid, and their Successors respectively, or the major part of them, without any other Warrant, Writ, or Commission to be procured or obtained from Us, Our Heirs or Successors, *viz.* That every Mayor and Bayliff aforesaid, who now is or hereafter shall be respectively, may and shall from time to time take such an Oath as it is above-said, before the aforesaid Jurats, or any two or more of them respectively, who now are or hereafter shall be; and that every of the aforesaid Jurats who now is or hereafter shall be, shall and may from time to time take that Oath as it is aforesaid, before the aforesaid Mayors and Bayliffs who now are or hereafter shall be respectively, without any other Warrant, Writ or Commission to be procured or obtained from Us, Our Heirs or Successors; (to which

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Mayors, Jurats, and Commons; Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; Bayliff and Commons of every of the Ports, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid, and to their Successors respectively, We give and grant by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, full Power and Authority to ordain and make the said Laws and Ordinances from time to time.) And moreover We Will, and by these Presents do give, grant, and confirm for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to the same Mayor, Jurats, and Commons; Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; and Bayliff and Commons of every of the Ports, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid, and to their Successors respectively, That the aforesaid Mayors, Bayliffs, and Jurats who now are, or hereafter shall be respectively, shall for the future from time to time for ever have full Power and Authority of Administring such an Oath, as is aforesaid, to all and singular Persons who are, or hereafter shall be chosen into the Office of a Mayor, Bayliff, or Jurat of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, or the Members aforesaid, or of any one or more of them respectively, without any other or further Warrant,
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Writ or Commission to be had or procured for that purpose from Us, Our Heirs or Successors : And further We Will, and by these Presents do grant for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to the abovementioned Mayor, Jurats, and Commons ; Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons ; and Bayliff and Commons of every of the *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same, and to their Successors respectively; That if it shall happen that any Mayor of any Port, or of any Antient Town, or of a Member of the *Cinque-Ports* and Antient Towns aforesaid where there is a Mayor for the time being; Or that any Bayliff of any Member of the Ports aforesaid, for the time being, should hereafter be in such a manner troubled with Sickness, or any other infirmity for some time or times, or by some other cause just and reasonable be so detained or made unfit, that he or they cannot at present look to the Offices of Mayor, and Bayliff, and the necessary busineses thereunto belonging ; Or that for any reasonable cause he should go out of the Ports, Antient Towns, and Members aforesaid ; That then and so often, it may

and shall be lawful for any such Mayor and Bayliff of any of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same for the time being respectively, to make and appoint any one Jurat of the said Port, Antient Town, and Member aforesaid respectively where the said Mayor or Bayliff for the time being was, to be the Deputy of the said Mayor or Bayliff being, as is aforesaid, troubled with Sickness or any infirmity, or upon some reasonable account, absent, detained, or made unfit, as 'tis above said; Which Deputy put in the Office of the Mayor, or Bayliff aforesaid, so made and appointed, may and shall be the Deputy of the said Mayor or Bayliff respectively from time to time, as often as the aforesaid Mayor or Bayliff respectively shall happen to be so troubled with Sickness or any infirmity, or upon any other reasonable account be detained or made unfit, or be absent as is aforesaid; and may continue Deputy all the time the aforesaid Mayor or Bayliff shall continue in the Office of Mayor or Bayliff respectively, unless in the mean time the aforesaid Mayor or Bayliff shall make or appoint another Jurat of the

A Deputy to be made for a Mayor or Bayliff.

the said Port, Antient Town, or Member aforesaid respectively, his Deputy : And that every such Deputy or the aforesaid Mayor or Bayliff so made and appointed as is aforementioned, may by virtue of these Our Letters Patents do and execute all and singular of those things which do or may belong to the Office of a Mayor or Bayliff respectively, which are to be done and executed from time to time as often as the aforesaid Mayor or Bayliff respectively shall so happen to be troubled with Sicknes or any infirmity, or be detained, made unfit, or be absent ; during such time as the aforesaid Deputy of the said Mayor or Bayliff shall be and continue, as fully, freely, and entirely, and may in as ample manner and form do and execute them as if the Mayor or Bayliff aforesaid were present, (a Corporal Oath upon the Sacred Gospel of God for the good and faithful performance of all and singular the things which belong to the Office of a Deputy of the Mayor or Bayliff aforesaid, being first taken by such a Deputy, before one or more of the other Jurats aforesaid of the Port, Antient Town, or Member aforesaid respectively) and as often

as such a chance shall so happen : And moreover We Will, and by these Presents do grant and confirm for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to the same Mayor, Jurats, and Commons ; Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons ; and Bayliff and Commons of every Port, Antient Town, and Member aforesaid, and to their Successors respectively, That every such one or more of the Jurats may from time to time for the future have full power and authority of giving and administring such Corporal Oath upon the Sacred Gospel of God, as is aforesaid, to every Deputy of a Mayor or Bayliff in such a case as is aforesaid mentioned to be appointed, without any further Writ, Commission or further Warrant to be procured or obtained upon that account from Us, Our Heirs or Successors : And further, That the Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* aforesaid, and Antient Towns of *Rye* and *Winchelsea* aforesaid, and of the Members of the same Ports and Antient Towns, may the more commodiously perform the Service of their Ships aforesaid to Us, Our Heirs and Successors at fit times ; As also for the better rule, government, and prefer-

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vation of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*,
 and the aforesaid Antient Towns, and
 Members of every of the same *Cinque-
 Ports* and Antient Towns, We do grant
 and confirm to the same Barons of the
Cinque-Ports and Antient Towns afore-
 said, and of the Members of the same
 Ports and Towns, and to their Suc-
 cessors; and to the aforesaid Mayor,
 Jurats, and Commons of the Town and
 Port of *Hasting*, and their Successors;
 and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats,
 and Commons of the Town and Port
 of *New-Romney*, and their Successors;
 and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats,
 and Commons of the Town and Port
 of *Heeth*, and their Successors; and to
 the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Com-
 mons of the Town and Port of *Dover*,
 and their Successors; and to the afore-
 said Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of
 the Town and Port of *Sandwich*, and
 their Successors; and to the aforesaid
 Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the
 Antient Town of *Rye*, and their Suc-
 cessors; and to the aforesaid Mayor,
 Jurats, and Commons of the Antient
 Town of *Winchelsea*, and their Suc-
 cessors; and to the aforesaid Bayliff,
 Jurats, and Commons of the Town

and Priviledged Monastery of *Revensay*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Seaford*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Lydd*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Folkstone*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Feversham*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Fordwich*, and their Successors ; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Hundred of *Tenterden*, and their Successors, for the maintaining and preserving the Service of their Navy aforesaid to be performed to Us, Our Heirs or Successors ; or for the defending and maintaining the Liberty of Franchises, Customs, Priviledges, and Burdens of every Port and Antient Town aforesaid, and of every Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid respectively ; as also for the maintaining all Necessaries and Offices whatsoever of every Port and Antient Town, and of every

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Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid, or any of them respectively, according to the abovementioned limitation; That every Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of every Port of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports* respectively, may in and upon themselves and all other Inhabitants and Resiants whatsoever, within every such Port, the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same Port, and within any other Place or Places, Town or Towns whatsoever belonging to any Port aforesaid, or being a Member of any such Port, and not having within themselves a Mayor or Bayliff chosen by the Commons of the same Place or Places, as is abovesaid; and upon all and singular Land-rents and Inheritances whatsoever, within any of those Ports, the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same, and within any other Place or Places, Town or Towns belonging to any of the Ports aforesaid, or being a Member of any Port not having a Mayor or Bayliff elected respectively, as is abovementioned: And upon all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Merchandises of all and singular the Inhabitants and Resiants,

whether Possessors or Tenants of any such Lands or Inheritances whatsoever within any such Port, the Liberties, Limits, and Precincts of the same, and within any other Place or Places, Town or Towns belonging to any Port aforesaid, or being a Member of any such Port not having within themselves a Mayor or Bayliff elected respectively, as is aforesaid; and every Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of any of the Antient Towns aforesaid, and of any Member of the Ports and Antient Towns aforesaid where there is a Mayor respectively, may in and upon themselves, and upon any others of the Inhabitants and Resiants within any such Antient Town, the Liberties, Limits, and Precincts of the same, and within any such Member, the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same Member respectively; and upon all and singular Land-rents and Inheritances whatsoever, within any such Antient Town and any such Member, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts belonging to the same respectively; as also upon all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Merchandises of all and singular the Inhabitants or Resiants, whether

ther Possessors or Tenants of any such Lands or Inheritances whatsoever, within every such Antient Town, and every such Member, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts belonging to any one of them; and every Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; and Bayliff, and Commons of every Member of the Ports aforesaid where such Bayliff is chosen by the Commons of the said Member respectively, may in and upon themselves and any other Inhabitants and Resiants whatsoever, within every such Member, Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same; and in and upon all and singular the Land-rents, and Inheritances whatsoever, within every such Member, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts belonging to every such Member respectively; as also they may in and upon all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Merchandises of all and singular the Inhabitants, whether Possessors or Tenants of any such Lands or Inheritances whatsoever within every such Member, and the Bounds, Limits, and Precincts of the same respectively, set, assess, and lay from time to time as often as it shall seem necessary to them, the Reasonable and Rateable

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table Taxes of Scot, Shot and Lot, Tallage, and the Reasonable Taxes commonly called Common Fines, Imposts, and Sums of Money to be paid within certain times or time to that purpose by them respectively limited and appointed; and by the same to be taken and levied upon the Inhabitants and Resiants aforesaid, or upon their Goods, Chattels, and Merchandises, Land-rents, Tenements, and Inheritances aforesaid respectively, by the distrain and sale of the same, or the imprisonment of the Bodies of the Persons aforesaid and every of them, upon whom such Taxes of Scot, Lot, Shot, Tallage, Taxes called Common Fines, Imposts, and Sums of Money, as is abovementioned, may or shall be put, laid, or assessed; Or which otherwise may be prosecuted by an Action or Actions of Debt in any Court of Record of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports* or Antient Towns aforesaid, or Members of the same against any such Person or Persons respectively; Or may be recovered and obtained by any other legal proceeding whatsoever, as it shall seem best to them; and may be had, held, and enjoyed without any impediment of us,
Our

Our Heirs or Successors Justices, or of any other the Ministers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors whatsoever; and all and singular the Premises aforesaid by these Presents above granted or confirmed, or mentioned to be hereafter granted and confirmed to the aforesaid Barons of the *Cinque-Ports* and Antient Towns and Members of the same Ports and Towns, and to their Successors; and to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commons; Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; and Bayliff and Commons of the same *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same, and to their Successors respectively for ever; For the payment and performance of so many, so great, the same and such like Feofarms, Services, Rents, Sums of Tribute-pence, and demands whatsoever to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as many, as great, such, and which as are or heretofore were due, accustomed, and payable to Us or Our Predecessors; Wherefore We Will, and by these Presents firmly enjoyning, do Command for us, Our Heirs and Successors, That the aforesaid Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, and Antient Towns, and Members of the same, and their Successors, and

and every of them and their Successors ;
 As also that the Mayor, Jurats, and
 Commons of the Town and Port of *Hasting* afore-
 said, and their Successors ;
 as also the Mayor, Jurats, and Com-
 mons of the Town and Port of *New-*
Romney afore-
 said, and their Successors ;
 as also the Mayor, Jurats, and Com-
 mons of the Town and Port of *Heeth*
 afore-
 said, and their Successors ; as also
 the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of
 the Town and Port of *Dover* afore-
 said, and their Successors ; and also the May-
 or, Jurats, and Commons of the Town
 and Port of *Sandwich* afore-
 said, and
 their Successors ; and also the Mayor,
 Jurats, and Commons of the Antient
 Town of *Rye*, and their Successors ;
 and also the Mayor, Jurats, and Com-
 mons of the Antient Town of *Win-*
chelsea, and their Successors ; and also
 the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of
 the Town and Priviledged Monastery
 of *Pevensey* afore-
 said, and their Suc-
 cessors ; and also the Bayliff, Jurats,
 and Commons of the Town of *Seaford*
 afore-
 said, and their Successors ; as also
 the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons of
 the Town of *Lydd* afore-
 said, and their
 Successors ; and also the Mayor, Jurats,
 and

and Commons of the Town of *Folkstone* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors; and alſo the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Feverſham* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors; and alſo the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town of *Fordwich* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors; and alſo the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons of the Town and Hundred of *Tenterden* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, and every of them and their Succeſſors reſpectively have, hold, uſe, and enjoy, and may for ever have, hold, uſe, and enjoy all and ſingular the Liberties, Authorities, Jurifdictions, Franchiſes, Acquittances, Lands, Tents, Fairs, Marts, Markets, freedom from Toll and Tribute, Cuſtom, and Priviledges aforeſaid according to the Form and Tenor of theſe Our Letters Patents, and other Grants made to them, without any Action or impediment of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Eſcheators, or other Bayliſſs or Miniſters of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors whatſoever. Nor Will We that they or their Succeſſors or any of them by reaſon of their Liberties or Immunities aforeſaid, be proſecuted, moleſted, vexed, or grieved.

Attorney and
Sollicitor to
the King.

Quo Warranto.

We
Will.

grieved, accused, or be in any thing troubled by any Action of Us, or Our Heirs, Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, or other Bayliffs or Ministers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors whosoever: We Will and by these Presents Command and Charge as well Our Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of Our Exchequer at *Westminster*, and the other Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as Our Attorney and Sollicitor General for the time being, and every of them, and all other Our Officers and Ministers whosoever, That neither they nor any of them shall prosecute or continue, or cause or make to be prosecuted or continued any Writ or Summons of *Quo Warranto*, or any other Writ or Writs, or Process whatsoever in Our Name, against them or any of them for any Reasons, Accounts, Matters, Claims, or Offences aforesaid, or against any one or more of them respectively for any such things which were due, claimed, attempted, used, had, or usurped in the time of the late Rebellion, and Revolting from the King, or at any other time before the making of these Presents: We Willing also that they or their Successors or any of them be in

in no wise hindred or molested, or be
 compelled to answer for any such thing
 or things, by any of the Justices, Of-
 ficers, or Ministers of *us*, Our Heirs
 or Successors, in or for any due, use,
 claim, or abuse of any of the Liberties,
 Franchises, or Jurisdictions aforesaid
 in the time of the Rebellion and Re-
 volting aforesaid, or at any other time
 before the day of the making of these
 Our Letters Patents: Provided always,
 and Our Royal intent is, That these
 Our Letters Patents, or any thing
 therein contained be not in any wise
 prejudicial to the Warden or Keeper
 for the time being of the *Cinque-Ports*,
 Antient Towns, and Members of the
 same, as to any Jurisdictions, Autho-
 rities, Liberties, or Priviledges within
 the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports* & Antient
 Towns, and Members of the same, hi-
 therto lawfully used and exercised by
 the said Wardens or Keepers of the
Cinque-Ports, Antient Towns, and
 Members of the same: Provided also,
 That these Letters Patents, or any
 thing or things contained or men-
 tioned in the same may in no wise extend
 or be extended to the confirming, streng-
 thening, establishing, approving, or
 rati-

ratifying certain Letters Patents, or any thing or things in the same contained or mentioned, made by the Lord *Henry the Sixth*, late King of *England*, under his great Seal of *England* bearing Date the Twenty eighth day of *November*, in the Five and twentieth year of his Reign, unto the Mayor of the Town of *Feversham*, and to the Barons and Commons of the same Town, and their Successors; Or heretofore made or granted; or mentioned to be granted under the Name of any other Incorporation whatsoever; Nor to the confirming, strengthening, establishing, approving, or ratifying any Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Priviledges, Exemptions, Grants, thing or things whatsoever given, granted, confirmed, contained, specified or mentioned in the same Letters Patents of the said late King *Henry the Sixth*; Nor to the confirming any other Letters Patents whatsoever concerning the confirmation, strengthening, or approving of the aforesaid Letters Patents of the said late King *Henry the Sixth*, or of any thing or things contained or mentioned in the same Letters Patents of the said late *Henry the Sixth*; any thing in those

Patents

Patents to the contrariwise notwithstanding: And We further Will, and by these Presents do Ordain, and strictly enjoin, ^{We will further.} do Command for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, That all every Mayor, Bayliff, Jurat, Recorder, Coroner, Common Clerk, Constable, and all other Officers and Ministers of the aforesaid *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same, or any of them respectively, and their Deputies; as also that all Justices of Peace to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, within the same *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, or Members of the same, or any one or more of them, by the virtue and according to the Tenour of these our Letters Patents, or of any other Letters Patents, or Charters heretofore made, who are now appointed, or hereafter are to be nominated, chosen, or appointed, before they be admitted to the performance or exercise of the Office or Offices of the Place or Places to which they have been respectively so nominated, appointed, elected, or ordained, or shall hereafter be nominated, elected, or ordained, or before that they or any of them respectively in any wise enter upon such Place, they and every of them

them shall take as well the Corporal Oath commonly called, *The Oath of Obedience*, as the Corporal Oath commonly called, *The Oath of Supremacy*, upon the Sacred Gospels of God, before such Person or Persons, as and which are at present, or shall be for the future appointed and designed to give and tender such like Oaths by the Law and Statute of this Our Kingdom of *England*: And We further Will, and by these Presents do Ordain and Declare for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, That when any election for the future shall be made of any Person or Persons who-soever into the Office of a Recorder, or into the Office of a Town Clerk to any of the Ports, Towns, Members, or Places aforesaid, otherwise than of such and such-like Person and Persons who are now chosen and prefer'd in such-like Office or Offices, and do now serve in the same or either of them respectively, if so be that We, Our Heirs or Successors by any Writing or Warrant under the Hand and Seal of Us, Our Heirs or Successors shall declare or signifie to the Barons of the Cinque-*Ports* aforesaid, or to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons; or to the Bayliff,

Jurats,

Jurats, and Commons; or to the Bay-
 liff and Commons of the Ports and An-
 tient Towns aforesaid, and their Mem-
 bers, or to any other Officers and Mem-
 bers of those Ports and Towns, and
 the Members of the same respectively,
 to which such Election or Elections re-
 spectively do belong to be made; Our
 or Our Heirs and Successors disallow-
 ing of such Person or Persons respec-
 tively so elected to serve in such like
 Office or Offices to which, as is afore-
 said, he or they were elected respec-
 tively, That then and so often both by
 and after such declaration and signifi-
 cation made in the form aforesaid, the
 Election or Elections of such Person
 or Persons so disallowed as is abovesaid,
 shall be void and of none effect: And
 that from that time it may and shall be
 lawful for the Barons of the *Cinque-*
Ports aforesaid, and the Members of
 the same; or for the Mayor, Jurats,
 and Commons of the Ports and An-
 tient Towns aforesaid, and of the Mem-
 bers of the same; or for the Bayliff,
 Jurats, and Commons; or for the Bay-
 liff and Commons of those Ports and
 Towns, and the Members of the same,
 or any one or more of them respective-
 ly,

ly, to whom such Election or Elections respectively belong to be made, to chuse, nominate, and Swear any other honest and discreet Person or Persons, fit for the executing the Office or Offices aforesaid unto which he or they shall be respectively nominated and elected into the Place or Places of such Person or Persons, so, as is aforesaid, elected and afterwards disallowed; according to the Tenor of these Presents, and other Letters Patents and Grants of any of Our Predecessors made for that purpose: And thus as often as such a Case shall happen, (any thing contained in these Presents, or any other reason, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.) And that expens mention is not made in these Presents of the true yearly value, or of the certainty of the Premises or of any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants heretofore made by Us, or by any of our Progenitors or Predecessors to the aforesaid Barons of the *Cinque-Ports*, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Commons; to the Bayliff, Jurats, and Commons; and to the Bayliff and Jurats of the same *Cinque-Ports*, Antient Towns, and Members of the same

same, and to their Successors ; Or any
Act, Ordinance, Proviso, Proclamation,
or Restraint to the contrary heretofore
had, made, published, ordained, or
provided, or any other reason, cause, or
matter whatsoever in any thing not-
withstanding. In Witness whereof,
We have caused these Our Letters to
be made Patents.

Witness Our Self at *Westminster* the
Three and twentieth day of *De-
cember*, in the Twentieth Year of
the Reign of his *Charles* the Se-
cond, &c.

By a Writ of the Privy Seal.

Pigott,

~~Manuel; and with such other Council-
lors as should be named in the said Letters~~

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SIR,

THIS contains Your Majesties Grant and Confirmation unto the Barons of the Cinque-Ports, and to the Towns and Members of the same, of their Ancient Charters, Liberties, and Priviledges, and of some Particulars formerly granted, and hereby renewed in regard of some small Defects therein; and with power to make Deputies, and recover the things granted by Actions of Debt: Also a Provision for all Officers to take the Oaths of Obedience and Supremacy, and a Reservation of Power to Your Majesty to put out any Recorder, or Town-Clerk hereafter to be chosen, (other than those now in place) or any signification of Your Majesties Dislike, under Your Sign Manual; and with such other Clauses as are usual in Grants of like nature.

By Sign Manual.

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An Explication by
way of Alphabet of all
the hard and obsolete
Words that are to be
found in the foregoing
Charter.

A.

A Chatum Reachatum are
used for a Contract or Bar-
gain by way of Buying and Re-
buying, Selling and Re-selling.

Aponlagium, Bridgtoll, *vid.*
Pontagium.

Ambivertter, is he, that when a
Matter is in Suit betwixt any, taketh
Money of one side and of the other
to plead for the Suit or such like,

or if he be a Jury-Man, to say his Verdict.

Attaint, is a Writ, and lieth where false Verdict is given by Twelve Men, and Judgment given thereon, then the Party against whom they have passed, shall have a Writ against the Twelve Men, and when they be at Issue, it shall be Tried by Twenty four Jury Men, and if the false Verdict be found, the Twelve Men be **Attaint**, and then the Judgment shall be, That their Meadows shall be eyred, their Houses broken down, their Woods turned up, and all their Lands and Tenements forfeited to the King: but if it pass against him that brought that Attaint, he shall be imprisoned, and grievously Ransomed at the Kings Will.

Assise, is taken for a Writ directed to the Sheriff for the recovery of things immovable, whereof your self, or your Ancestor hath been Disseised.

Assise

Assise of Novel Disseisin, lieth where a Tenant in Fee-Simple, Fee-Tail, or for Term of Life, is lately Disseised of his Lands or Tenements, or esse of a Rent-Servise, Rent-Seck, or Rent-Charge, of Common of Pasture, of an Office, of Toll, Tronage, Passage, Pawnage, or for a Nuisance levied, and divers other such like.

Assise of Mort d'Ancestor, lieth where my Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Uncle, Aunt, &c. died seised of Lands, Tenements, Rents, &c. that he had in Fee-Simple, and after his Death a Stranger abateth: and it is as good, as well against the Abator, as any other in Possession.

Assise of Redisseisin, is where a Man is Disseised, and recovereth by *Assise of Novel Disseisin*, and afterward is again Disseised by the same Disseisor, he shall have against him a Writ of *Disseisin* directed to the Sheriff to make Inquisition; and

if the *Redisseisin* be found, he shall be sent to Prison.

B.

Brevis, (*Briefe*) signifies most properly in our Law, the Process that issues out of the *Chancery* or other Courts, Commanding the Sheriff to Summon or Attach *A.* to answer *B.* But more largely it is taken for any Precept of the King in Writing under Seal, issuing out of any Court, whereby he Commands any thing to be done, for the furtherance of Justice, and good Order. In *English*, a Writ.

C.

Champartie, or Bribe, signifieth in the Common Law, a maintenance of any Man in his Suit depending, upon condition to have part of

of the thing (be it Lands or Goods)
when it is recovered.

Champertours, be they, that
move Pleas or Suits, or cause to be
moved, either by their own procure-
ment, or by other; and pursue at
their proper Costs, for to have part
of the Land in variance, or part of
the Gains.

Common Fines, are a certain
Sum of Money, which the Reliants
of a Court Leet pay to the Lord of
the Leet, towards his Charge of
Purchasing the Leet.

D.

Den. & Strond, the former
whereof signifies an hollow place to
put things in; the latter, the Sea-
shore.

Doquet, or Docket, is a little
piece of Paper or Parchment written,
that containeth in it the effect of a
greater Writing.

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E.

E.

Escheat, is where a Tenant in Fee-Simple doth Felony, for the which he is Hanged or Abjured the Realm, or be Outlawed for Felony, Murder, or Petty-Treason; or if the Tenant dye without Heirs general or special, then the Lord of whom the Tenant held the Land may enter by way of *Escheat*, or if any other enter, the Lord shall have against him a Writ, called a Writ of *Escheat*.

Escheator, is an Officer who observes such *Escheats* which belong to the King, and Certifieth them into the Eschequer.

Estray, is where any Beast or Cattel are in a Lordship, and none knoweth the Owner thereof, then it shall be seized to the use of the King, or of the Lord that hath such *Estray* by the Kings Grant, or by
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Prescription : and if the Owner come and make Claim thereto within a year and a day, then he shall have it again, or else after the year the Propriety thereof shall be to the Lord, so that the Lord make Proclamation thereof according to the Law.

Escape, is where one that is Arrested comes to his Liberty, before he be delivered by award of Justice, or by order of Law.

Exigent, is a Writ that lieth where the Defendant in Action Personal cannot be found, nor any thing within the County whereby to be Attached or Distreined, and is directed to the Sheriff to make Proclamation at five Counties one after another, that he appear, or else that he shall be Outlawed.

F.

Forefall, is to be quit of Amercements

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ments and Cattels Arrested within your Land, and the Amercements thereof coming.

Forefaller, is he that Buyeth Corn, Cattel, or other Merchandize, whatsoever is Saleable by the way as it cometh to Markets, Fairs, or such like Places to be Sold, to the intent that he may Sell the same again at a more high and dear Price, in Prejudice and Hurt of the Common Wealth and People.

G.

Gild, hath divers significations, as sometimes a Tribute, other times an Amercement, thirdly a Fraternity or Company combined together by Orders and Laws made amongst themselves by the Kings License, fourthly 'tis used for a Prestation within the Forest to be made for gathering of Sheaves of Corn, of Lamb, and of Wool to the use of the Foresters.

H.

H.

Hideage, is to be quit, if the King shall Tax all the Land by Hides; now an Hide is a whole Plough-Land.

Hostellar, is an Inn-Keeper.

I.

Infangtheff, is, that Thieves taken within your Demesne or Fee Convicted of Theft, shall be Judged in your Court.

Ingrosser, is one that Buyeth Corn, Grain, Butter, Cheese, Fish, or other dead Victuals, with an intent to sell the same again at a higher and deerer Price. **Regnator** is the same.

K.

Kiage, is a Toll required for Keys and Wharfs by the Water side; or rather the Custom paid for Wharfage, or loading and unloading Goods.

L.

Lassage, is a Custom challenged in Fairs and Markets for carrying of things where a Man will. **Lassage Free**, is to be exempt from that Custom.

Lassie Hundred, is a bigger sort of Hundred containing about three ordinary ones; *Sandwich* in *Kent* is so called.

Lot and Scot, signifie a Customary Contribution laid upon all Subjects according to their ability.

Love.

Lobecopefree, this Word is not to be explained; or else it is false Printed for **Lot** and **Copefree**; now **Copefree** is to be quit from Poll-Money; Or else it signifies to be quit from that which **Diggers** of Mines pay to the Lord for breaking up his Ground.

M.

Marriage, signifieth not only the coupling together of Man and Wife, but also the bestowing a Ward or a Widow in Marriage.

Manutenentiæ, Maintenance, in our Common Law is used in the evil part, for him, that secondeth a Cause depending in Suit between others, either by lending of Money, or making Friends for either Party, toward his help; then the injured Party may have against him a Writ of *Maintenance*.

Misericordia, is used in the Com-

Common Law for an Amercement or Mult set upon any for Offence; so that if a Man be outrageously Amerced in a Court that is not of Record, as in a Court Baron, &c. there is a Writ called a *Moderata Misericordia* to be directed to the Lord or his Bailly, Commanding them that they take moderate Amercements according to the quantity of the fault.

Murage, is a Toll levied for the Building or Repairing of Publick Walls; it seemeth also to be a Liberty granted by the King to a Town, for the gathering of Money toward Walling of the same.

N.

Novel Disseisin. See before, *Assise of Novel Disseisin.*

O.

Outfangtheff, *alias* **Ufangtheff**, is, that Thieves or Felons of your

your Land or Fee, out of your Land or Fee, taken with Felony or Stealing, shall be brought back to your Court and there judged.

P.

Passage, signifies the Hire that a Man payeth, for being transported Over-Sea.

Pannage, or **Pawnage**, is that Money which the Agistors of Forests do gather for the feeding of Hogs within the Forest; and it is also taken for all manner of Mast-Trees within the Forest, on which the Hogs do feed.

Pontage, is either the Contribution which is gathered, or the Toll which is paid by Passengers for the Repair of Bridges; it is called also *Brigbote*.

Peisage, is Weight and Measure: from *Peisa*, signifieth Weight.
Pic-

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Picrage, is the Money paid for the breaking of the Ground to set up Booths and Standings in Fairs.

Q.

Quietancia, *alias* **Acquietancia**, is a Release or Discharge from any Debt formerly due.

Quo Warranto, is a Writ which lieth against him that Usurps any Franchise from the King, then the King shall have this Writ to make him come before his Justices, and shew what Warrant or Title he hath to demand such Franchise: Or else it signifieth a Writ against him that intrudeth himself as Heir into Land.

R.

Riverage, is that which is paid for being carried over a River.

Right

Right Passage of Wines, is a Custom whereby the King challengeth out of every Bark loaden with Wine, containing less than forty Tun, two Tun of Wine at his own Price.

Regator, See, *Ingrasser*.

Rediteisin, See, *Affise of Rediteisin*.

Recordare, is a Writ directed to the Sheriff, to remove a Cause out of an inferior Court, into the King's Bench, or Common Pleas. I ad wolle

Sac, is a liberty or power to seek after Thieves or Stolen Goods, within a Mannor, and to do justice upon the Inquisition: It is also taken for the Company of Tenents which live within such a Liberty, and are exempted from those common Services of the Prince and Countrey whereunto Subjects are ordinarily tied.

Sac, is a Royalty or Priviledge touching Plea and Correction of Tref-

Trespasses within a Mannor, and to have the Amercements of ones Tenants in ones own Court.

Stallage, is a certain Custom exacted for the Street taken or assigned in Fairs and Markets.

Scot, See, *Lot*.

Shot, is Tax-Money.

Scutage, Escuage, or a kind of Knights-Service, called Service of the Shield, whereby a Tenant who holds by Knight-Service, is bound to follow his Lord into the *Scottish* or *Welsh* Wars, at his own charge.

Strip, or **Estrepiement**, is a Writ for taking Lands from him that strips and spoils them: Or properly, the unmeasurable soaking or drawing of the heart of the Land by Plowing or Sowing it continually, without Manuring, or other such useage as is requisite in good Husbandry.

T.

Tallage, is used for the share of a Mans Substance paid by way of Tribute.

The-

Theolonium Tolnetum, Toll
or Custom paid to the King.

Tbol, is the liberty of Buying
and Selling in ones own Ground.

Them, is the Priviledge of ha-
ving the Generations of your vil-
lains, with their Suits and Cattel,
wheresoever they shall be found in
England.

Terrage, is a freeing from Land-
Taxes.

Tumbel, is a Cucking-Stool, a
Punishment for Scolds.

V.

View of Frankpledge, is a
Writ to exempt one from the *View of*
Frankpledge, who is not Resident
within the Hundred: *Frankpledge* is a
Custom whereby Neighbours were
commonly bound one for another,
to be Sureties for each others Truth
to the King and his Subjects.

Atlagat, is an Out-lawed Per-
son.

Uetit-

Writ of Withernam, a Writ of Withernam, which is directed to the Sheriff for the taking as many of the Mans Goods who did Distrein unlawfully from another, as the value of the Distreined Goods comes to: And if the Goods or Beasts be in a Fortlet or Castle, the Sheriff may take with him the Power of the County, and beat down the Castle.

Wass, is when a Tenant lets the House fall, or pulls it down, or cuts down any thing with damage to the Land that he possesseth: It is also a Punishment or Forfeiture belonging to Petit-Treason or Felony.

Wreck, is where a Ship is perished on the Sea, and no Man escapeth alive out of the same, and the Ship or part of the Ship so perished, or the Goods of the Ship come to the Land of any Lord, the Lord shall have that as a Wreck of the Sea. But if a Man, or a Dog, or a Cat, escape alive, so that the Party to whom

whom the Goods belong, come within a year and a day, and prove the Goods to be his, he shall have them again.

Wittfree, is a Discharge from all Defaults and Amercements.

Waivat, is when Goods are seized by Waif, which is the Goods of a Thief, whether stolen or not, which upon urgent necessity, as haste, or such like, he hath left any where behind him, then the Kings Officer, or the Bayliff to the Lord within whose Jurisdiction they were left, who by Prescription or Grant from the King hath the Franchise of *Waif*, may seize the Goods so Waived to to the Lords use, who may keep them as his own, unless the Owner come and lay claim to them, within a year and a day.

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